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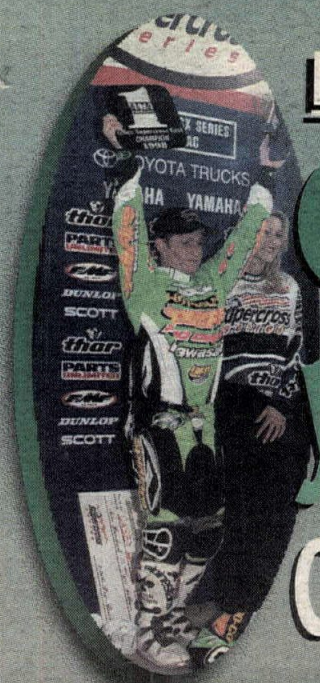

PONTIAC SUPERCROSS

Oh, Ricky you're so fine...

Carmichael crowned!

JAPANESE GRAND PRIX

Max Attacks

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IN THE WIND

Fred Andrews (Kaw) won the combined Grand National Cross Country and Hare Scrambles National at the Loretta Lynn's Ranch in Hurricane Mills, Tennessee, on April 5. Rodney Smith (Suz), **Scott Summers** (Hon), **Steve Hatch** (Suz) and **Barry Hawk Jr.** (Yam) followed Andrews across the finish line.

Destry Abbott (Kaw) scored the overall win in the third round of the AMA National Hare & Hound Series in Jericho, Utah, on April 5. Defending champ **Ty Davis** was second; followed by **Paul Krause** (Kaw), **Brian Brown** (Kaw) and **Ed Sorenson** (Kaw). **Shane Esposito** (Yam) won the 125cc class, **Dan Richardson** (Kaw) topped the Vet class and **Steve Pitts** (ATK) won the 250cc class.

Nathan Ramsey (Kaw) was the most consistent rider at the Northwest Dunlop/PJ1 Arenacross Championships held in Portland, Oregon, April 3-4. On Friday evening, Ramsey won the 250cc class over **Mike Jones** (Kaw) and **Buddy Antunez** (Suz), while **Ryan Huffman** (Suz) won the 125cc class over Antunez and Ramsey. On Saturday night, Antunez won the 250cc class over Ramsey and Jones, while Ramsey topped the 125cc class, with Huffman and Jones in tow.

David Pingree (Hon) won both the 125 and 250cc Pro classes in the fifth round of the GFI California Winter MX Series South, held at Competition Park in San Jacinto, California, on April 5. **Billy Payne** (Kaw) and **Jiri Dostal** (Suz) finished second and third in the 250cc class, while **Casey Johnson** (Kaw) and Dostal finished second and third in the 125cc class. The 500cc Pro class was won by **Spud Walters** (Yam), with **Rusty Holland** (Yam) and **Craig Canoy** (Yam) rounding out the top three.

Steve Martin (Duc) extended his lead in the Australian Production Superbike Championship in the third round of the series, held in Baskerville, Tasmania, on April 5, reports *Cycle News* contributor Darryl Flack. Following a slow start in the first 16-lap race, Martin finished second to pole-sitter Adam Ferguson (Hon), who rode with a collarbone injury. Martin turned the tables in the second race with a 1.48-second win over **Kevin Curtain** (Yam), with Ferguson in third.

Arclight Racing (Suz) won the opening round of the WERA National Endurance Series at Talladega Gran Prix Raceway in Talladega, Alabama, on April 4. Arclight topped Evans Motorsports and Tapeworks Racing.

Despite rumors to the contrary, there won't be a **World Superbike** event at **Road Atlanta** on July 4 - at least not in 1998. "No, it won't happen," Fast's Dan Murphy said. "It was looked at, but the obstacles were two- or threefold. First, this came up really late, as we only started on it three weeks ago. Then there's the fact that the open weekend was the July 4 weekend and that's traditionally a lake-oriented weekend for people in the South; having the race on July 4 would be risky. The third thing is that the track isn't homologated by the FIM; and the time and effort in getting that done at a track that hasn't had a good history from a safety standpoint would have been difficult. They've done a lot of work there, but we really we just didn't have enough time." The July 4 date remains open on the World Superbike calendar.

The **U.S. House of Representatives** has voted 337-80 in favor of their version of the highway-reauthorization bill, titled the Building Efficient Surface Transportation and Equity Act (BESTEA), according to the AMA. Key House and Senate members will now meet in conference committee to iron out the differences between their respective bills. Both House and Senate versions contain language favorable to motorcyclists, according to the AMA. The Senate version, titled the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA II) would provide $131 million for recreational trails over a six-year period; ensure that motorcyclists' needs are represented in the development of the nation's Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) technology; and curtail helmet-law lobbying efforts by National Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) officials. The House version contains many favorable provisions as well. BESTA would provide $270 million in trail funding over the same time period and include motorcycles in the development of ITS. Additionally, BESTA would ensure motorcycle access to all roads built with federal highway funds, thus assuring continued access to the growing number of high-occupancy lanes in many of the nation's urban transportation corridors. BESTA, however, doesn't contain any language to prevent NHTSA officials from lobbying in favor of mandatory helmet laws.

AMA dirt track manager Bruce Bober has confirmed that the AMA Grand National Championship Series schedule has been shortened up by three events - two of them mile races. As of press time, the **I-96 Half Mile** event in Lake Odessa, Michigan, the **Indy Mile** and the **Minnesota Mile** in Shakopee, Minnesota, have been canceled, and at least one more event may be canceled. "We are obviously disappointed with these cancellations," Bober said. "We are going to try and add some new dates to make up for the ones that have been lost. If there is a plus side to this, it is that some of the potential new venues are in new regions, so it will enable us to tap into new markets with AMA dirt track."

In the light of the success of the inaugural event, the loss of the **Minnesota Mile** was especially disheartening to the event's promoter, former AMA Grand National racer Dave Durelle, who said that the Canterbury Park officials dropped the event due to complaints of excessive noise. "Everything was set and in place for this year," Durelle said. "I had several meetings with Canterbury following last year's event. We discussed items we felt needed to be improved, and the sound issue would be resolved by quieter exhaust systems and moving the time schedule so we would be done by 8 p.m. Canterbury's decision came as quite a surprise. Several attempts to convince them were made by area people sending letters and calling in. I even spoke with the people in the neighboring homes, and they all signed a letter stating that they would not have a problem with this event if we made those changes. I felt I more than proved to Canterbury we could make this work, but the answer was still no. I am currently looking at other possible locations to move the event, but no decisions have been made."

The **AMA/MNBA Superbike National Championship** schedule has changed - again. The final round of the series will still be held at Las Vegas Motor Speedway, October 2-4 - and not September 18-20 as published earlier.

Stunt man **Gary Rothwell** will perform on both Saturday and Sunday at the **NASB Road America Cycle Fest** in Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin, May 9-10. In addition, NASB has announced that they will be giving away free tickets to anyone 17 and younger for Saturday's program - while children 12 and younger enjoy free admission all weekend. Tickets are available by calling Road America at 800/365-RACE.

FOX/Liberty Networks acquired one-third ownership interest in **Speedvision** and Outdoor Life Networks on March 26, according to a press release issued by Speedvision. The addition of Speedvision and Outdoor Life Networks to the FOX/Liberty family increases the venture's national cable networks to six: FOX Sports Net, FX, FOX Sports World; FiT TV; Speedvision; and Outdoor Life.

The final team lineup has been announced for the first round of the **Vanson Leathers/Team Obsolete Transatlantic Match Race Series**, scheduled for April 18-19 at Laguna Seca Raceway in Monterey, California. The American team will consist of Don Vesco, John Ulrich, Mike Green, Todd Henning, Dave Rober, Yvon DuHamel, John Long and Cal Rayborn III. The British team will feature Chris McGahan, Larry Swann, Vernon Glashier, Paul Barrett, Dave Pither, Colin Breeze, Richard Haas and Malcolme Tunstall.

A group of riders who have been racing at Carlsbad Raceway in Carlsbad, California, have formed **Carlsbad Motocross Racing** (CMXR) and will hold an eight-race series at the famous Southern California motocross track - beginning on Saturday, April 18. For more information, call 888/550-MOTO.

Too many Kings dept.: The **Derek King** who is now working in the Indy Lights car-racing series is not the **Derek M. King** who is still an AMA 250cc Grand Prix racer. Derek M. King is still recovering from the broken ankle he suffered in the opening round of the AMA Series in Phoenix.

A **1941 Indian Four** brought in a record $36,500 during the J. Wood & Co. motorcycle auction during Bike Week at

Bartolini, Everts, Chiodi top MX GPs

The 1998 World Championship MX season got into full swing over the April 5 weekend, with both the 125 and 500cc GP series getting under way and the 250cc series continuing on with round two.

In Mantova, Italy, four-stroke riders took the first two positions in the 500cc GP, as Yamaha-mounted Andrea Bartolini won the opening moto, took fourth in the second moto, and carded the overall win over Husqvarna's Darryl King, who went 2-6 on the day. Preventing a four-stroke sweep was Honda rider Rob Herring, who finished third after posting 3-5 moto finishes.

In the first moto, the Italian Bartolini got off to a fourth-place start and had control of the lead by the halfway point, and he cruised all alone to victory, finishing ahead of New Zealander King, Great Britain's Herring, Husqvarna's Johan Boonen of Belgium, and Honda-mounted Gert-Jan Van Doorn of Holland.

The defending champ, Husaberg's Joel Smets, finished out of the points in the first moto but came back to win the second.

The Belgian scored the moto win ahead of Yamaha's Peter Johansson of Sweden, Van Doorn, Bartolini and Herring.

With his win, Bartolini heads into round two (Switzerland, April 19) with the series lead, followed by King, 33-27. Van Doorn and Herring are tied for third with 26 points apiece.

In Agueda, Portugal, Honda's Stefan Everts of Belgium won the second round of the World Championship 250cc MX series with a solid 2-1 performance. It was his second win in a row.

Winning the first moto, however, was American Tallon Vohland. In rainy conditions, the Californian chased down the early leader, KTM rider Leon Giesbers, who eventually crashed and handed the lead over to the Yamaha rider, Vohland. From there, Vohland, who still feels pain in his injured shoulder, held the lead to the finish, although Everts got close to the American at the end.

Third in the moto went to German Honda rider Pit Beirer, who was followed by Kawasaki's Sebastien Tortelli of France and Suzuki's Werner Dewit of Belgium.

In race two, Everts led most of the way, scoring the win ahead of Beirer, Tortelli, Yamaha rider Mickael Maschio of Italy, and Kawasaki-mounted Yves Demaria of France. Vohland worked his way up from a slow start to finish sixth for third overall.

Everts extended his series points lead to 72 over Tortelli's 60. Vohland is third with 54 points.

Husqvarna's Alessio Chiodi scored the overall win at the 125cc GP series opener in Indaiatuba, Brazil. The Italian, Chiodi, led home Yamaha-mounded David Vuillemin of France in the first moto and then finished second to Italian Yamaha rider Eric Camerlengo in the second moto.

Suzuki rider Brian Jorgensen of Denmark finished third in the first moto, followed by Honda pilot Luigi Seguy of Italy and Camerlengo.

Taking the checkered flag behind Camerlengo and Chiodi in the second moto was Honda rider James Dobb of Great Britain, followed by Seguy and TM's Alessandro Puzar of Italy.

Chiodi pulled in 37 points on the day, thus jumping out to the series points lead, while Camerlengo collected 31 points and is currently in second. Third with 26 points is Seguy, who was credited with third overall in Brazil.

Daytona in March. The auction featured a sales rate of 87 percent. Jerry Wood will hold his next auction in conjunction with the AMA Vintage Motorcycle Days event at Mid-Ohio in Lexington, Ohio, July 10-12.

Former motorcycle racer **Robert Marsh** was arrested on charges of possession of stolen property on March 20 after undercover detectives followed up on a classified advertisement for a 1995 Honda that was selling for $6000 despite having only 3000 miles on it. When detectives went to the San Antonio, Texas, address, they found the motorcycle to have a stolen engine - and they also discovered that the rental property was littered with cars, trucks, motorcycles and motorcycle parts, most of which were stolen, according to investigators.

Pit Pro will be attending the World Mini Grand Prix in Las Vegas, Nevada, as the Dunlop, VP, N-Style and Sinisalo race support crew. They will also be at all of the CMC Spring MX Series races with accessories and technical support.

Terry Kizer's 1993 **Kawasaki ZX-11** set a new performance record at the American Motorcycle Institute's Brute Horsepower Shootout, held March 6 during Bike Week in Daytona Beach, Florida. Kizer's turbocharged ZX-11 produced 494 peak horsepower on AMI's Dynojet dynamometer.

AMA Vintage Motorcycle Days West at Sears Point in Sonoma, California, will feature a vintage bike show on Saturday and Sunday, April 25-26. Saturday's show will be for American and European motorcycles, with Sunday reserved for British and Japanese bikes. All motocross bikes, however, can be shown on Saturday regardless of country of origin, allowing their owners to race them in Sunday's AHRMA Vintage Motocross. For more information, call 800/870-7223.

Madame Alexander, a handcrafted-doll maker, has created the Harley-Davidson Cissette doll. The 10-inch doll, new for 1998, is decked out in black leather, complete with motorcycle boots and the Harley-Davidson bar and shield. The suggested retail price on the doll is $149.95.

For the third year in a row, the **AMA/WML Women's National Motocross Championship Series** will debut with the AMA 125/250cc National Motocross Series at Glen Helen Raceway in San Bernardino, California, May 9-10. For more information on the WML, call 714/837-2206.

Yahoo Internet Life recently gave *Cycle News Online* a four-star rating (out of a possible five) for content and presentation. "The best online source for racing events we saw was *Cycle News*, which offers enthusiasts timely racing results and news about the struggle between man, machine and macadam," Yahoo Internet Life said.

Christen Cowan, the 1997 AHRMA Women's National Champion, is in intensive care at the John Muir Hospital in Walnut Creek, California, after being involved in a head-on collision on St. Patrick's Day. Cowan is suffering from head injuries, a broken left leg and a broken left collarbone. Cards, letters and donations can be sent to Christen Cowan at 50 Camino Diablo Rd., Brentwood, CA 94513.

Corona Extra, the third-largest beer company in the world, has signed on as title sponsor for the 1998 Supersport World Series, the 600cc Supersport class that runs in conjunction with the World Superbike Championship. The series will now be called the Corona Extra Supersport World Series. The series begins at Donington Park in England on Monday, April 13.

Road racer **Shawn Higbee** was recently presented with a gas tank signed by all of Buell's employees in recognition of his victory in the AMA Pro Thunder class in Phoenix in February. The win was Buell's first in racing against other brands of motorcycles. Buell Motorcycle Company founder Erik Buell and president Jerry Wilke presented the tank to Higbee at a company meeting on March 17. The tank will be displayed at Tilley's Harley-Davidson in Statesville, North Carolina.

Thousand Oaks Honda is offering a $3000 purse for Willow Springs Motorcycle Club (WSMC) racers finishing in the top 10 of the 125cc Grand Prix "exhibition" race at Willow Springs Raceway in Rosamond, California, April 24-26. The race will be held in conjunction with the AMA/MBNA Superbike National at Willow Springs and is also a points-paying event for the 1998 Roadracing World 125cc Grand Prix Series.

In an effort to simplify things, Formula USA has renamed two of its support classes. The EBC Brakes Pro Sport class has been changed to the **EBC Brakes 126 HP class**; and the Pro-Tek class has been changed to **Pro-Tek 103 HP**. The names reflect the maximum amount of horsepower that is allowed in each class.

Ramada Inn Pueblo has been named as the official hotel for the Formula USA event at Pikes Peak International Raceway in Colorado, May 15-17. For reservations, call 719/542-3750.

Noted Ducati engine builder **Igor Gorodinsky**, 39, was killed in a traffic accident in Overland Park, Kansas, on April 5. According to a report in the Boston Globe, Gorodinsky - a Massachusetts resident - lost control of his automobile and struck a utility pole. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

Dirt trackers **Steve Beattie** and **Jim McIlvena** will be seeing a lot of TV time in Canada. The duo will take part in press conferences and track demos for the local newspapers and television stations to promote the upcoming rounds of the Canadian National Dirt Track Championship in Trois-Rivieres and Montreal, Canada. In order to entice even more American riders across the border to the events, promoter Buddy Ford is jacking up the purse to $10,000 U.S. and offering travel money to all Expert-licensed dirt trackers. For more information, Ford can be reached at 514/654-8193.

TT master **Eddie Mulder** will once again be promoting an AHRMA National flat-track event to be held in conjunction with the Corsa Moto Classica weekend at Willow Springs International Raceway in Rosamond, California. The race, which is scheduled for May 2, will feature at least nine different classes. Riders pre-entered by April 26 will be offered an entry-fee break of $45 for the first class and $30 for each additional class. Regular entry fees will be $65 for the first class and $45 for each additional class. For more information, call 805/268-0105.

OPENED: Larry Roeseler's Four-Stroke Speed Equipment's home page on the World Wide Web. The site can be found at the following address: http://www.strokerspeed.com.

CORRECTION: The NASB event scheduled for May 8-10 will be held at Road America and *not* Road Atlanta as was printed in the last issue of *Cycle News*. In addition, the Homestead, Florida, round of the NASB Series will be held September 11-13.

ANNOUNCED: Big Gun Exhaust Systems, as the title sponsor for the AMA Sound of Thunder Four-Stroke National MX Championship Series. For more information, call 909/948-7027.

OPENED: Carlsbad Motocross Racing's home page on the World Wide Web. The site can be found at: http://www.carlsbadmx.com.

HIRED: Edward Moreland, as the Washington, D.C., representative with the AMA's government-relations department, effective immediately.

HIRED: Garrett T. Kai, as marketing manager of Lockhart Phillips USA, effective immediately.

OPENED: Boise Ridge Riders' home page on the World Wide Web. The site can be found at the following address: http://www.off-road.com/~brr.

AUTOGRAPH SIGNING: At Metro Motorsports in Glendale, Arizona, on April 17 from 4 to 6 p.m. White Brothers' Spud Walters and Doug Dubach are scheduled to appear. For more information, call 602/843-5000.

AUTOGRAPH SIGNING: At Premier Motorsports in Phoenix, Arizona, on April 17 from 6 to 8 p.m. Lance Smail, Mike Young Jr., Robert Naughton, Rich Taylor, Scott Myers and Gordon Ward are scheduled to appear. For more information, call 602/867-8293.

AUTOGRAPH SIGNING: At Red Carpet Kawasaki in Las Vegas, Nevada, on May 1 from 7 to 8 p.m. Team Kawasaki's Jeff Emig, Damon Huffman, Ryan Hughes and Team SplitFire/Pro Circuit's Ricky Carmichael, Casey Johnson, Nick Wey and Nathan Ramsey are scheduled to appear. For more information, call 702/451-1121.

APPOINTED: Mel Harris, as vice president/motorcycle of the Motorcycle and Marine Division of American Suzuki, by president Manabu Nakamura, effective immediately. Harris was previously American Suzuki's national sales manager.

OPENED: Stylemaster Custom Motorcycles' home page on the World Wide Web. The site can be found at: http://www.scmbikes.com.

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VOICES
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Mr. Daytona

I'd like to offer a few thoughts about the letter from Mr. Cuccia (Issue #13, April 8) about Scott Russell and the related comments about attendance at Daytona. Taking the latter point first, I have been to all but three Daytona 200s since 1968 and I share Mr. Cuccia's concerns about the size of the crowds nowadays compared to the '70s and '80s. This was basically the point of Paul Carruthers' column ("Teardown," Issue #11, March 25) and I was glad to see it brought out. If all of the parties involved can make it work, I think a World Superbike event at Daytona would be great and could help restore Daytona to its proper place in the world picture. It would be great to see the chartered 747s from England and Europe come back to Daytona again, full of race fans.

I also wanted to comment on Mr. Cuccia's criticism of *Cycle News'* labeling of Scott Russell as "Mr. Daytona." As someone who has won the 200 myself, I can tell you I have no problem with it. I know how hard it is to win the race even once, and am in awe of what Scott has accomplished. I have been there for all of his victories and they all required a strong performance against top-level competition, even picking himself off the ground once to win.

In the years that I raced at Daytona, some of the best motorcycle racers from around the world came to Daytona. Some, like Agostini and Saarinen, did win. But so many others... World Champions like Mike Hailwood, Phil Read, Barry Sheene, Kel Carruthers, to name a few, came away without a victory. All of them had more than enough talent and equipment to do so, but the Daytona 200 has a way of presenting situations that can bring even the best down.

As for the Scott Russell era, let's not forget that some of the world's top names have had their shot in the last few years, too. I've watched superbike superstars like Carl Fogarty, Colin Edwards II, Mat Mladin, Doug Chandler and Anthony Gobert take their shots and none of them have won. Yet Russell has won five times!

Let's give him his due credit for what he has accomplished. "Mr. Daytona" is a pretty good start, I'd say.

Don Emde
Laguna Niguel, CA

Emde won the Daytona 200 in 1972 - 24 years after his father, Floyd, won the race on the beach of Daytona... Editor.

Mr. Magoo

Thank you for bringing back the memories of one of the greatest heroes of my youth - Danny Chandler ("Forging On," Issue #13, April 8). The covers of him getting incredible air are long gone, but the image is forever etched on my brain.

Magoo's accident was tragic, but the way it was handled was even worse. My hero had been hurt, terribly - and then nothing. Every once in a while there was a small sidebar, but it seemed he was shunned after being hurt. At least that's how it seems to me.

I understand that getting hurt is a scary part of our sport, but great people like Chandler shouldn't be cast away like used trash.

Thanks for the update and keep up the great work.

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Lusk vs. McGrath

I just wanted to comment on Jeremy McGrath's statement in your article about the St. Louis Supercross (Issue #13, April 8). He shouldn't complain. Being number one puts a big target on your back. I saw the pass and it was just a typical supercross block-pass. Ezra Lusk did try to make the turn, but was just running too hot.

Besides, I saw a sign outside the Chapparal semi last week that said: "Yogi will pass no one." I'm sure Lusk saw this and it most likely pissed him off. I like McGrath as much as the next guy and I think he's great for the sport - but I have no respect for him when he complains.

Unless McGrath wants a reputation for whining every time he loses, he should just let it roll off his back.

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Lusk vs. McGrath II

As a follower of the AMA Supercross Series, I must say I am extremely alarmed by the actions of points leader Jeremy McGrath at the St. Louis Supercross. To pout over a fall and threaten another rider, Ezra Lusk, is totally uncalled for. The fans booing Ezra says a lot about their character, or lack thereof.

I attended the race held in the New Orleans Superdome and saw Lusk fall when another rider hit his bike. To my knowledge, Ezra took it as an occupational hazard. Unfortunately, I've never attended a motorcycle race where no one fell - and a glass-ball environment doesn't exist in this or any other sport.

Ultimately, every rider's goal is to pass the bike in front of them. And if that rider happens to be Jeremy McGrath, then so what. I applaud Lusk for giving 100 percent and making the race a race.

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Lusk vs. McGrath - the final edition

"...Emig pulled an amateur move out there and took me out. That's the kind of guy he is and you've gotta be looking out for it, so I'll be looking out for it..."

That's what Ezra Lusk said in the ESPN2 interview after the main event in the Seattle Supercross. Eight rounds later, Ezra pulls an amateur move and takes out McGrath. I guess that's the kind of guy Ezra is now! And that's what McGrath's gotta look out for.

Jennifer Bell
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Be like Jeffro

Every once in a while I feel compelled to write and voice my view of things. This is one of those times. While it would have been easy for Jeff Emig to stay home and recuperate, he took the time to attend the press/media day on March 26 at the TWA Dome. While Jeff's trip to St. Louis may or may not be significant, his attention to Joshua Wheller (a local 13-year-old racer who is recovering from spinal-cord surgery) during his stay is undeniably remarkable.

After spending a couple of hours with Joshua at the track, Emig later took him to dinner and then to a Blues hockey game. I can assure everyone that Jeff made a significant difference in the lives of Joshua Wheller and his family.

Thanks, Jeff, from all your fans in Missouri.

Steve Thomas
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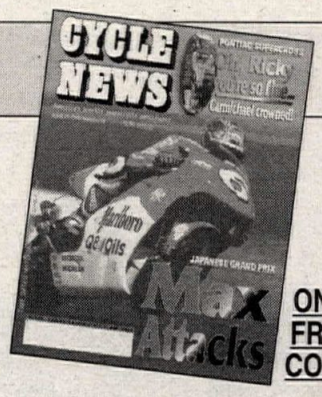

ON THE FRONT COVER

Max Biaggi shocked the Grand Prix fraternity when he dominated the Japanese 500cc GP - in his debut on the Honda NSR500. Inset: Ricky Carmichael surprised no one with his win in the Pontiac Supercross. Photos by Gold & Goose and Karl Ockert.

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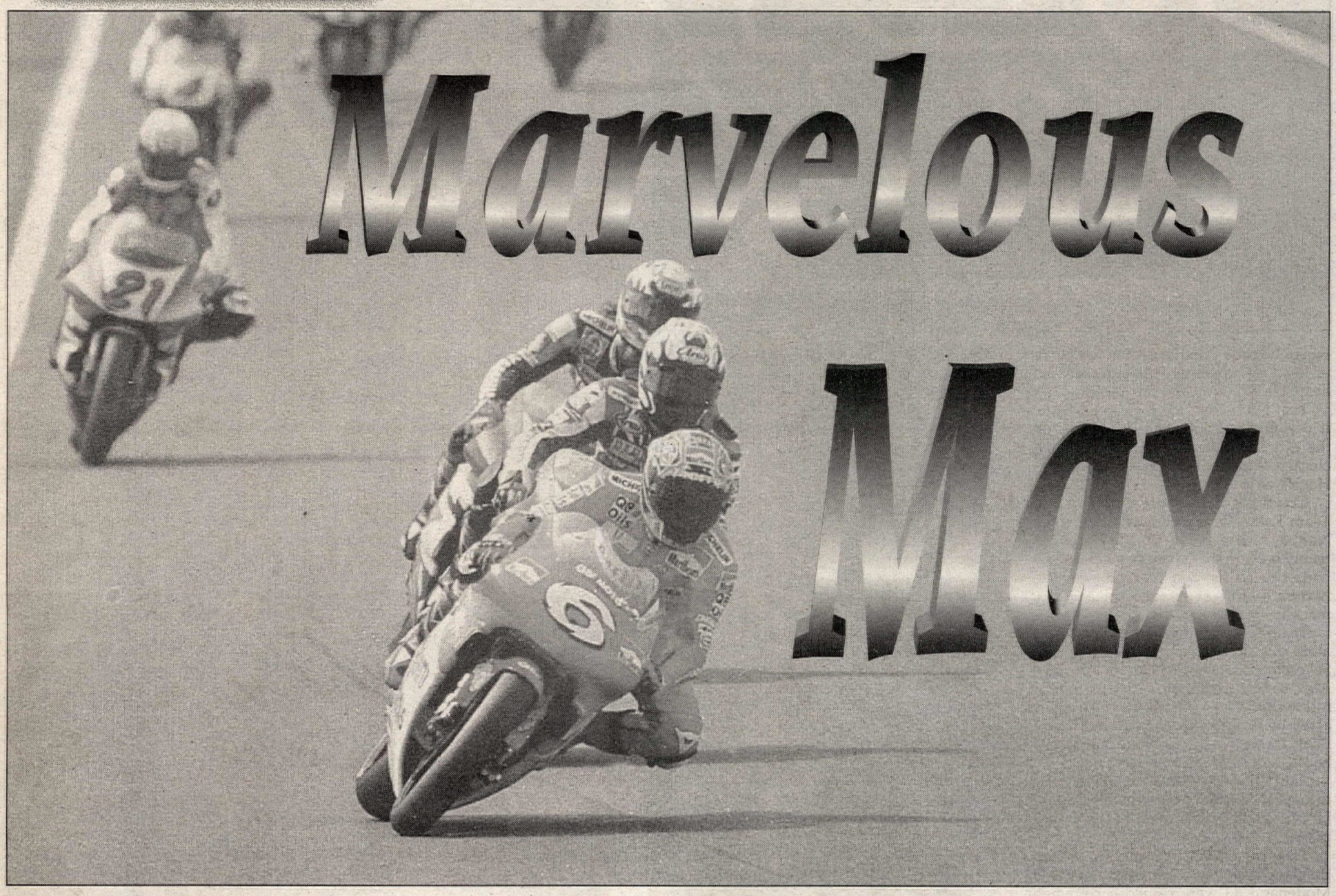

By Henny Ray Abrams
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SUZUKA, JAPAN, APR. 5

"This is the greatest victory in my life," Max Biaggi said after stunning the old guard with a runaway victory in his 500cc debut in the Japanese Grand Prix at Suzuka.

The four-time 250cc World Champion and his Team Kanemoto Honda NSR500 jetted away from his record-setting pole position, brushed off a hectic first lap, and then established himself at the front to start the second lap. By the fourth tour of the 3.64-mile circuit, the 26-year-old Italian had nearly two seconds in hand. He then increased it to over 10 seconds, and cruised on his way to becoming the first rider since Jarno Saarinen in 1973 to win in his 500cc debut.

Biaggi ended up winning the 21-lap, 76.52-mile race by 5.416 seconds. He did so in front of 52,000 spectators.

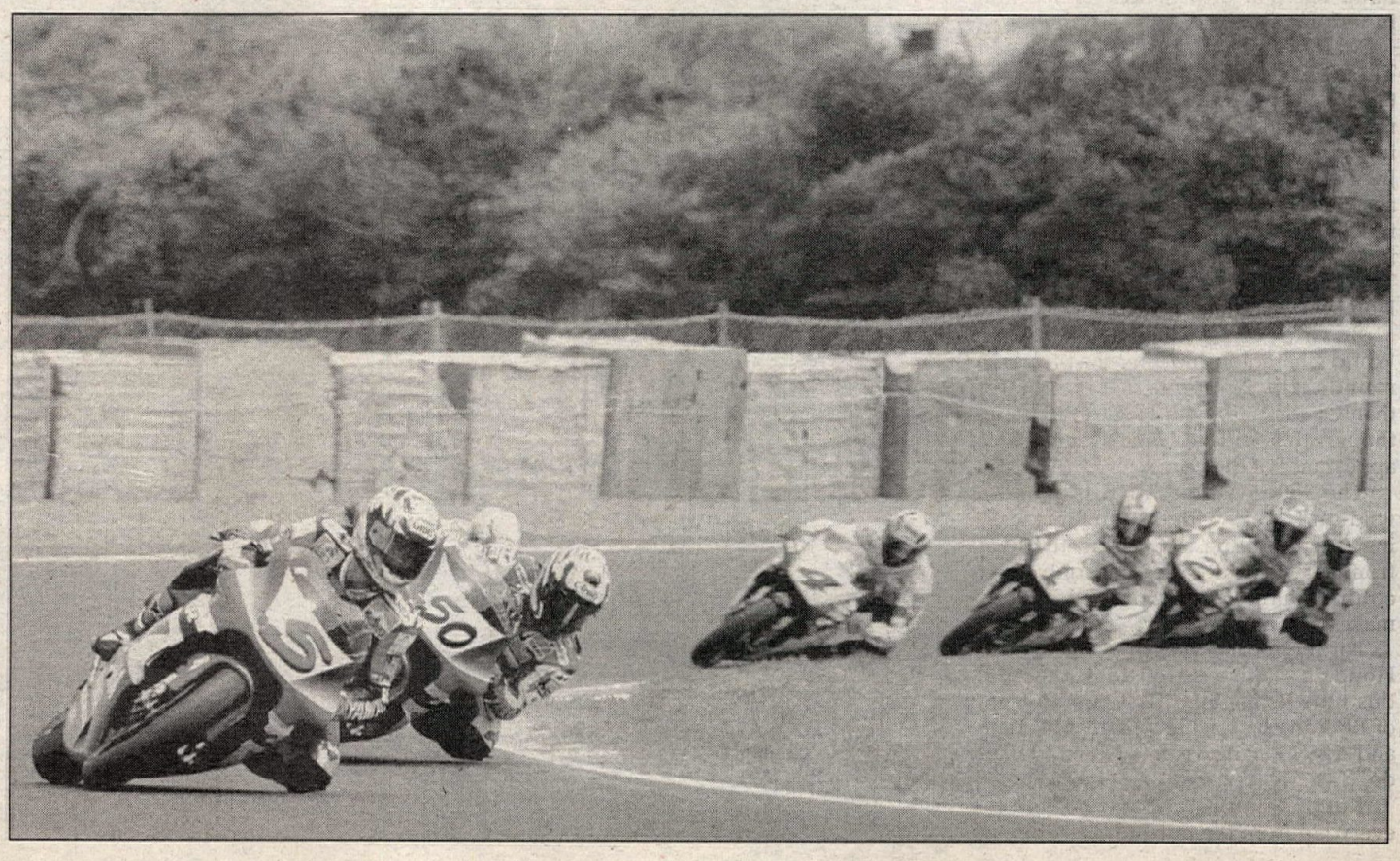
"What I tried to say to him is, you need to show these guys what a four-time 250cc champion can do," team owner Erv Kanemoto said of his last-minute instructions to Biaggi. "I felt there was no question he could do what he needed to do."

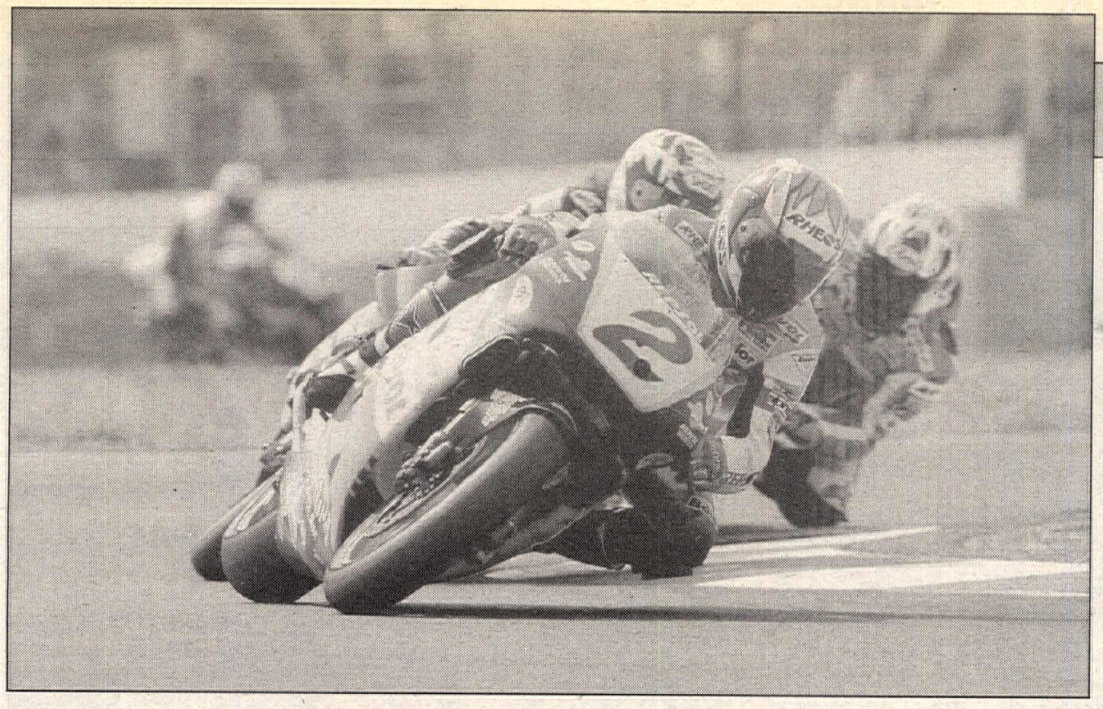
Biaggi wasn't the only one to disappear and, at the end of the day, the established order in the class had been turned completely upside down.

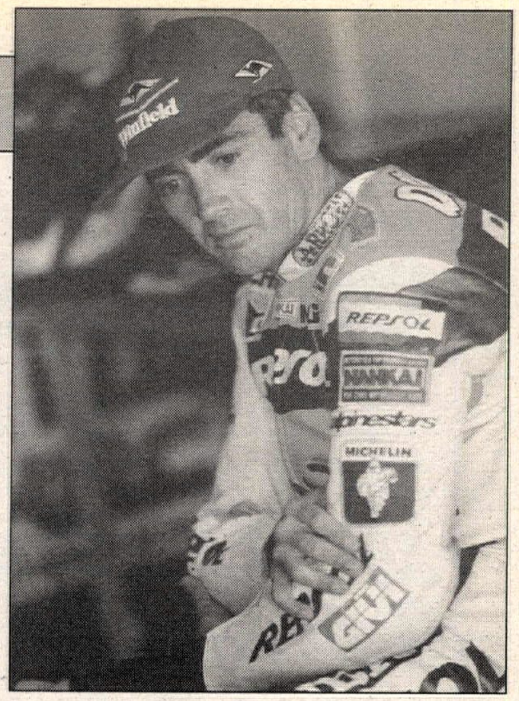
Four-time 500cc World Champion Mick Doohan ran off the track in turn one on the third lap, then broke a crankshaft while running 11th with less than six laps to go. It was his first mechanical DNF since his nonfinish in the Australian Grand Prix in 1993.

With Doohan, who had qualified fourth, a nonfactor, others were left to fill the void and it fell to the locals. There was a three-way dice for second between Yamaha Team Rainey's Norick Abe, Repsol Honda's Tadayuki Okada and Yamaha wild card Noriyuki Haga. Abe was the first man out, though it took a while. He was forced off the track when Okada nearly high-sided exiting the Spoon Curve, a looping left-hander. When Abe rejoined the race, he hooked up with Repsol Honda's Alex Criville and his lap times got quicker. But an ill-advised move on the outside of a one-line corner sent him into the gravel,

(Above) The first 500cc Grand Prix of the season belonged to four-time 250cc World Champion Max Biaggi. Here, Biaggi (6) and his Honda leads the Yamahas of Noriyuki Haga (hidden), Norick Abe (hidden) and Kyoji Nanba (21) early in the Japanese Grand Prix. (Below) Abe (5) battles with Haga (50) as Alex Criville (4), Mick Doohan (1) and Tadayuki Okada (2) try to catch up.







(Left) Tadayuki Okada (2) ended up finishing second behind Biaggi.
(Right) Four-time World Champion Mick Doohan had a miserable day, running 11th before finally pulling out with a broken crankshaft.
(Below) Max Biaggi - all alone in front of Suzuka's roller coaster.

where he rode until he hit the tire barrier head on, crashing, cartoonlike, in a heap. He remounted to finish 14th.

That left second to Haga - or Okada. It was Okada taking the inside line on the exit of the fast left before the final chicane sequence that gave him the spot. Haga was third.

Criville got the better of Yamaha Team Rainey's replacement rider, Kyoji Nanba, to finish fourth, the Spaniard barely beating the Japanese veteran who hadn't raced for two years. It was also Nanba's first-ever race on a 500cc machine.

Team Suzuki's Nobuatsu Aoki was alone in sixth after some first-lap drama. Seventh place went to Honda Gresini's Alex Barros - back on a Honda V-four following a year on a V-twin Honda - after he edged out MoviStar Honda Pons' Carlos Checa and Red Bull Yamaha WCM's Simon Crafar.

Sete Gibernau, who replaced the injured Takuma Aoki on the Repsol Honda V-twin, was well back in 10th place.

Then came Kenny Roberts Jr., the top finishing American. His chances on the Modenas KR3 were ruined early when he had to avoid a multiple-rider crash in the chicane.

John Kocinski's return to 500cc racing was anything but smooth. The MoviStar Honda Pons rider was given a 10-second stop-and-go penalty for jumping the start, then assessed a second penalty when he entered the pit lane well above the mandatory 85 kph (52.8 mph) speed limit. The pair of penalties landed him in 13th.

Matt Wait's race was even rougher. The FCC Technical Sports rider was taken out by Team Suzuki's replacement rider, Keiichi Kitagawa, who was avoiding the same pileup that slowed Roberts Jr. Wait said it wasn't Kitagawa's fault, as the Japanese rider simply had nowhere to go. But his handlebar fell into Wait's radiator and punctured it. The Californian remounted, but his Honda NSR500-V seized soon after.

By virtue of his win, Biaggi leads the World Championship after the first of 15 rounds. His 25 points are five better than Okada's 20, with Haga third at 16, though this will be Haga's only 500cc appearance of the year.

The 250cc GP was an all-Japanese wild-card affair, with the top three visiting riders pulling away from the field from early in the race - and only their countryman Tetsuya Harada could make a run at them.

For the second year in a row Castrol Honda's Daijiro Katoh took the win, this time managing to say just in front of BP Yamaha Racing's Shinya Nakano and YESS Racing Team's Naoki Matsudo.

Katoh was first across the line on every lap from the third to the 19th, but the trio was so tight, and swapped places on the track so often, that it was anyone's race. It was only when Nakano nearly high-sided in the chicane on the final lap, forcing Matsudo to back off, that Katoh's win was secure.

"Many people told me I was lucky to win the race last year, so this year I tried to stay on the top from the start," said Katoh, who was aboard the completely redesigned NSR250 - a motorcycle that now features an oversquare, twin-crank, Rotax-like engine.

Harada ran into carburetion problems on his Aprilia and that forced him to settle for fourth, about 33 seconds in front of Chesterfield Elf Tech 3's Olivier Jacque.

Sixth went to Team Suzuki's Yukio Kagayama, another wild-card entry, narrowly in front of Aprilia's Loris Capirossi.

Eighth through 15th were covered by 1.6 seconds, with Antenna 3 Yamaha's Jose Luis Cardoso leading the pack.

Katoh has the points lead, but with none of the podium finishers contesting the World Championship, it's Harada's fourth-place finish that's most relevant.

With 125cc World Champion Valentino Rossi moving up to the 250s, the 125cc class was wide open, as was the last lap, when the winner was decided.

It had come down to a three-rider race, with nominal teammates Kazuto Sakata and Tomomi Manako just in front of fellow Japanese ace Masao Azuma. UGT Bikes-Pesaro's Aprilia-mounted Sakata made the pass in the fast left approaching the final chicane, with Sakata protecting the vital inside line in the last sequence to hold on and win by .156 of a second. Azuma was third, a scant .045 of a second behind Manako.

250cc GRAND PRIX

Jacque led off the start, then was bumped back to second, to third, then fifth, where he would languish for the entire race. Out front, it looked like just another round of the All-Japan Championship.

Katoh moved to the front on the third lap, just before the final chicane, dropping Benetton Honda's Tohru Ukawa back to second in front of Nakano and Matsudo.

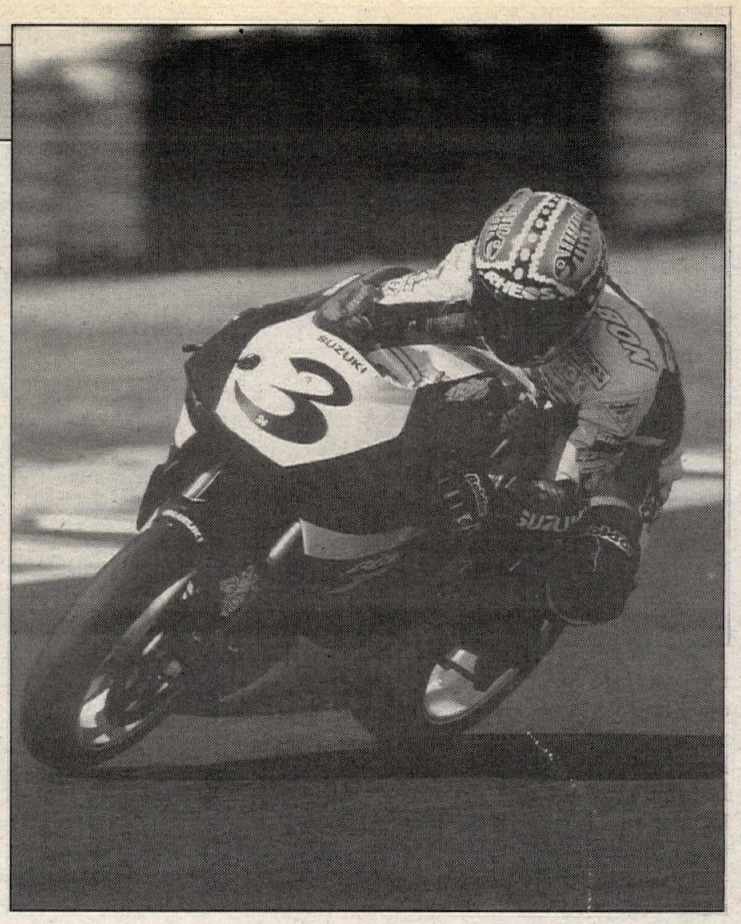
By the seventh lap the three wild cards were out front; Ukawa was fourth; then came Harada, who would pass Ukawa on the next lap and move up toward the leaders.

When the halfway point was marked, on the 10th lap, Harada was about a second back, but about 3.6 seconds in front of Ukawa, who would drop out with mechanical problems in just a few laps.

That would leave the Japanese quartet all alone with no challenge from behind. The race would be won here and the racing showed it. Katoh managed to maintain the top spot, but second place went back and forth on the circuit - not, however, at the finish line. Matsudo took it on the 11th lap and held it until the final lap, when Nakano made his move in the left-hander leading up to the final-turn sequence. Matsudo considered a counterattack, but ran into traction problems.

"I was thinking of trying to pass on the last lap, but I got a little bit confused," he said. "My front slid a bit and I was trying to keep my momentum going to stay second, but Nakano was

Round 1: Japanese Grand Prix



(Left) John Kocinski didn't have a good day. First he was penalized for jumping the start, then he was further docked for breaking the pit-lane speed limit. (Right) Nobuatsu Aoki and the factory Suzuki finished sixth.

just able to get by. So I tried to pass back around the outside going into the chicane, but I went a little wide and lost grip from the rear. I had seen Harada on the big screen in turn one, so I was worried that he might pass me. But the bike had the drive to get to the line ahead of him."

Though he'd managed to protect his line from assault from Matsudo, Nakano wasn't content with second. But when he accelerated to catch Katoh, he nearly high-sided in the middle of the chicane, forcing Matsudo to back off and guaranteeing Katoh's victory.

"I did not look back at all today so I thought Ukawa and Jacque were also behind me," Katoh said. "Last year's Japanese Grand Prix was soon after my car accident and I stayed back to see how everything would go. Many people told me I was lucky to win the race last year, so this year I tried to stay on the top from the start. The pace was very fast today, but the machine was in good condition and also the tires lasted till the end."

After finishing second, Nakano revealed that his bike had a small vibration which slowed him enough to dampen his pursuit of Katoh. Still, he was happy with the spot, especially considering the competition.

"The regular GP riders are very tough, so I was pleased to beat them," Nakano said. "I wanted to do my best and second is a good result."

Harada finished fourth, his Aprilia down on acceleration but strong on top speed. He was happy to take maximum points of the GP regulars.

Jacque was then 33 seconds back, and almost four in front of Kagayama and Capirossi.

The Frenchman complained of sliding tires and vibration, and wisely decided to ride around and collect points.

The pair behind Jacque had gone back and forth for most of the race distance, with Suzuki's Kagayama taking sixth on the final lap.

"The RGV was working well, particularly in the corners, and if the race had lasted a couple more laps then I think that I could have caught and passed (Olivier) Jacque for fifth place," Kagayama said.

The fight for eighth was the best in the field. Though Jose Luis Cardoso held the spot for the final three laps, everything behind him was up for grabs. Team Rizla Suzuki's Noriyasu Numata took over ninth on the final lap, with QUB Team Optimum's Jeremy McWilliams moving up four spots, from 14th to 10th.

Then came FCC's Haruchika Aoki and Castrol 250 Team's Stefano Perugini.

500cc GRAND PRIX

From the start of qualifying, it was clear that something was about to change. The names at the top of the leaderboard weren't familiar and some of the regulars - and newcomers - were struggling. This despite most of the riders having tested at the Suzuka Circuit a week before the race.

The start was ragged; a few riders jumped, but MoviStar Honda Pons' Kocinski was deemed the most offensive, and he was docked a stop-and-go penalty. When he came in to serve the 10-second penalty, he was going too fast, and had to come in a second time.

"I must say that it was my mistake," Kocinski said after the race. "I'm not used to starting from the middle of the grid and I wanted to be up front at the end of the first straight."

That spot would belong to Yamaha Team Rainey's Abe. The Japanese rider made the move from the second row, with wild card Haga going by on the inside in the esses and Nanba, Jean-Michel Bayle's stand-in on the Rainey team, third.

When they crossed the line the first time, Abe was in front of Haga, with Biaggi, who'd had an event-filled first lap, back in third.

"The first or second lap, I don't remember, there were three Yamahas in front of me and the one guy was very close to dusty," Biaggi said. "He went near to the dirt and a big stone hit me so hard in my chest that I cannot answer for a few seconds, it was so big. After two or three corners, I don't know which one, one of the Yamaha riders touched me and almost put me outside of the track; it was very bad start. I was third or fourth. I tried to cool down and tried to go back. After, when I passed Abe, Haga, Nanba, I tried to go the way I know, to be very smooth in the corners and to not use so much rear tires."

It would be on the second lap that Biaggi would take the lead, a spot he would never relinquish.

For a couple of laps, it looked like the Yamaha riders were going to stick with him, but by the fourth lap, when the Italian set a new lap record, it was clear the pace was too hot. He was one of only two riders to use the soft Michelin compound tires front and rear, and the choice proved to be a wise one. Once he got away, not only could no one race with him, they couldn't even see him. For a few laps it seemed like he was adding a second per lap to his cushion, which would top out at 10.213 seconds on the 15th of 21 laps. After that, it shrank a bit, but not so much that Biaggi had to worry.

"When the tires dropped down I was already plus-10 seconds," Biaggi said. "Just in the last few laps, Okada caught me one or two seconds, but that was already late."

Though he wasn't gloating, Biaggi clearly understood the scope of his accomplishment.

"A lot of 250 champions have tried going into 500s, but it's been a long, long time since anyone did what I did today," Biaggi said, despite having only 11 days of preseason testing. And he couldn't resist getting in one last dig at Honda. Biaggi's Honda is SWS, a factory support mount, unlike the full factory bikes of Doohan, Okada, Criville and Kocinski. "I hope Honda takes care of me. I'm only on an SWS bike, not a factory bike. Don't forget that."

Forgetting is something that Abe would like to do. He was riding well, right in the hunt, when Okada forced him off the track and into the gravel and a near spill.

"It's unfortunate what happened with Abe-san," Okada said. "We were fighting very hard against each other during the race and I slid badly and hit him."

"At the Spoon Curve, Okada slid and hit me and I went off, but I thought that I could still catch up because I had good pace," Abe said.

It happened on the 12th lap and, though Abe didn't lose a spot, Criville was able to catch up to and then pass him. Abe was back on the boil once he hooked up with the Spaniard, turning his second-fastest lap on the 16th go-around. His final mistake came in Dunlop Corner, a one-lined right-hander. The line he tried was impossible, and he went skittering off into the gravel, riding straight into the tires, then tipping over. After throwing a small temper tantrum, Abe got going again to finish 14th.

"My second piece of bad luck was at Dunlop Corner when I was going past Alex round the outside," Abe said. "He also went wide and I had to run straight on. I was so angry and I was going to give up the race, but when I saw the officials pushing my machine I thought I could still race. Without these accidents I could have been at least second."

Even with Abe gone, Haga was under constant pressure from Okada and it wasn't getting any easier. Haga had forgotten to put the anti-fog on his faceshield, so he was having vision problems from the 10th lap on.

"It was a difficult situation because I couldn't see everything in front of me," Haga said. "I lost confidence a bit and thought maybe third was okay, but I really wanted second, so I pushed again. On the last lap I wasn't really sure where Okada was. I could see him on the big screen in turn one, but I was willing myself to beat him. I was sure he was coming and he made it at the last chicane. At the entrance of the chicane he took the inside. I tried to keep tight, but I just couldn't do it."

"The final battle with Haga was a great lesson for me to race with worn tires," said Okada, who was using Michelin tires while Haga's Yamaha was fitted with Dunlops. "I passed Haga on the final lap at the exit of the fast left corner before the chicane because I knew he was slow there."

Criville was fourth and happy to have the weekend over. After crashing three times during the winter, twice very hard, his confidence was shaken.

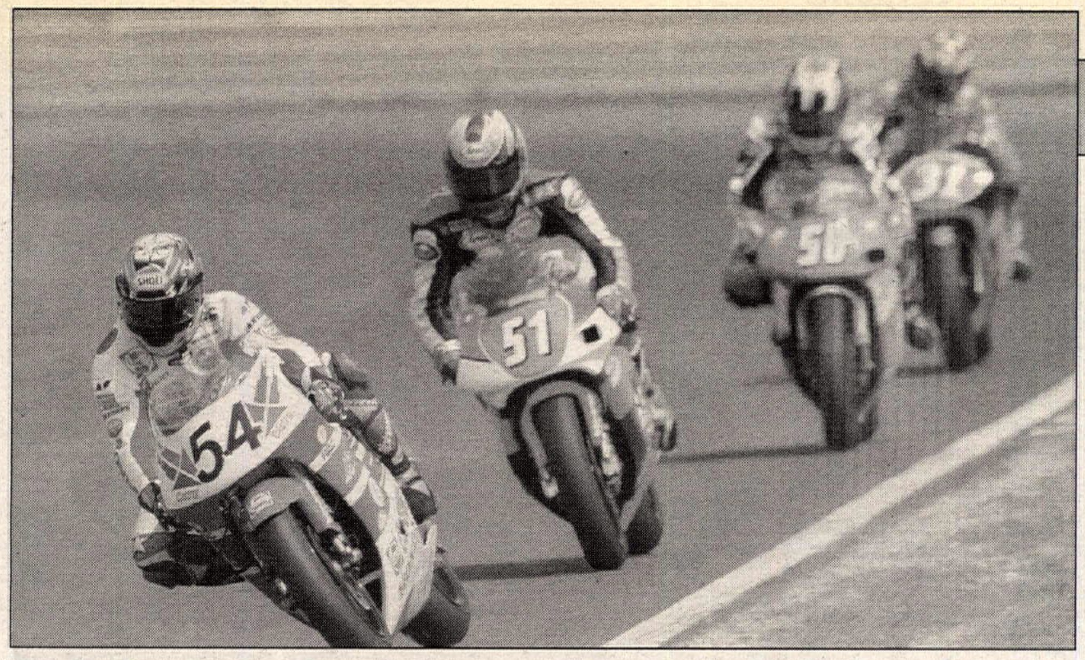
"You lose your self-confidence, but today I got that confidence back," Criville said. "During the race I did the same lap times as the guys who were in front, except for Biaggi, who left us all speechless today."

Criville first had to deal with Abe, but once he went away, Nanba made a run at the Spaniard. He came up just short.

"I learned a lot about race strategies of GP riders, so I would like to go faster in the next race in Malaysia," Nanba said.

Nobuatsu Aoki finished sixth, mostly alone after losing touch with the Criville-Nanba duo in the last handful of laps. His finish was better than his start, when he was hit from behind and nearly taken down.

"I didn't see who it was, but it was a heavy impact and I was lucky not to fall," Aoki said. "After that, I was worried that there might be some damage to



(Left) The 250cc Grand Prix looked a lot like a round of the All-Japan Championship. Race winner Daijiro Katoh (54) leads Naoki Matsudo (51), Shinya Nakano (50) and GP regular Tetsuya Harada (31). (Right) The 125cc Grand Prix was won by Kazuto Sakata.

the seat or to the rear tire, but it seemed okay and I was able to start moving forward toward the front. For the first 15 laps, everything was okay. Then, for the last few laps, the rear tire was sliding a lot and I had to settle for the best position I could get."

It was much better than his teammate. Kitagawa was involved with Wait in a first-lap crash, the pair trying to avoid the tumbling Garry McCoy.

"I just got past Kenny Roberts Jr. and leaned it in," Wait began, "and I saw someone crashed. I got caught in a chain reaction trying to avoid it. I was on the inside and I got hit by Kitagawa. It wasn't his fault. I low-sided and his bike put a hole in my radiator."

Wait tried to keep going, but the Honda seized soon after.

Checa steadily moved up to eighth, getting caught up in a three-way fight for the spot with Barros and Crafar, though Crafar was never at the front of the bunch.

Barros wasn't happy with the way his Honda steered, often running wide on the exits of turns. Checa had his own problems: His bike wouldn't lean properly and he couldn't accelerate out of the corners. It would come down to the penultimate lap, with Barros moving by to take seventh, Checa eighth and Crafar ninth. The trio was covered by a little more than half a second.

In 10th place, all by himself, was Gibernau. The Spaniard had used up his rear tire by the fifth lap and was forced to just try and hang on to the end.

"I went from doing 2:08s to 2:11s, and it was actually easier for me to do those eights at the start of the race," Gibernau explained.

Roberts Jr. was next, followed by MuZ ROC Rennsport's Doriano Romboni, the Italian, like Gibernau, shaking off the effects of a heavy spill during practice.

Kocinski was next, then Abe, and Shell Advance Racing's Juan Borja, with Fabio Carpani the final of the 16 finishers among 22 starters. CN

Japanese Grand Prix
Suzuka, Japan
Results: April 5, 1998 (Round 1 of 15)

125cc QUALIFYING: 1. Noboru Ueda (2:15.162); 2. Kazuto Sakata (2:15.934); 3. Youichi Ui (2:16.619); 4. Roberto Locatelli (2:16.811); 5. Yuzo Fujioka (2:17.201); 6. Masao Azuma (2:17.148); 7. Lucio Cecchinello (2:17.283); 8. Mirko Giansanti (2:17.289); 9. Nobuyuki Osaki (2:17.846); 10. Gianluigi Scalvini (2:18.295); 11. Masaki Tokudome (2:18.312); 12. Hiroyuki Kikuchi (2:18.358); 13. Gino Borsoi (2:18.718); 14. Marco Melandri (2:18.823); 15. Steve Jenkner (2:18.902); 16. Angel Nieto Jr. (2:18.946); 17. Kazuhiro Takao (2:19.044); 18. Tomomi Manako (2:19.254); 19. Frederic Petit (2:19.286); 20. Ivan Goi (2:19.531); 21. Jaroslav Hules (2:19.845); 22. Juan Maturana (2:19.870); 23. Takashi

Biaggi's big surprise

World Champions sat on each end of the front row of the 500cc grid for the opening round of World Championship road racing: Repsol Honda's Mick Doohan on one end and Marlboro Team Kanemoto Honda's Max Biaggi on the other. But it was Biaggi, the four-time 250cc World Champion and 500cc rookie, who proved he was quickly adapting to the Honda NSR500 by taking the pole with an impressive display of riding late in the final qualifying session. Meanwhile, Doohan, the four-time 500cc World Champion, ended up an uncharacteristic fourth.

Even more surprising was that Biaggi's time of 2:05.772 was more than two seconds under Doohan's year-old lap record of 2:07.782, and he did it using the newly mandated unleaded fuel which was thought to slow the bikes down. Apparently it didn't, since the top 11 qualifiers were all under Doohan's record on the 3.64-mile Suzuka Circuit.

The day belonged to the flamboyant Italian Biaggi, who took the pole in typically dashing fashion, setting fast time with less than two minutes to go, then bettering it just as time ran out. His lap time of 2:05.772 was the first time a motorcycle had lapped Suzuka in the 2:05s and Doohan admitted that, at his best, he wasn't going to do better than a 2:06. What made the feat more impressive was that all the testing Biaggi had done only added up to a week and a half's riding.

"Of course, I am surprised, first me and also my team because last week was very difficult to go under seven and we believe that we can go more fast," Biaggi said, referring to the previous week's test at Suzuka. "But 2:05.7, .8, whatever, is unbelievable. I think we did a very good job on suspension and tires also." Good enough that he set the time using a full fuel load, something most riders are loath to do.

"I was confident I could go really fast, because I was as quick as Doohan this morning, even though I was running hard tires and a full tank," Biaggi said. "I had been holding myself back until this afternoon, trying to concentrate on race setup rather than lap times. I think I've learned not to be in too much of a hurry. I now realize that maybe I used to ride my 250 like a 500, sliding the rear a lot. I was always very good at the end of races, when my tires were past their best, and that's how you must ride a 500, because they use up tires very quickly. We've been to three different tracks and we broke the lap record every time. We did the same thing here. The 500 machine looks like my contemporary."

Also new to the 500cc class was the second rider on the front row - Yamaha Team Rainey's Kyoji Nanba, the Japanese test rider sitting in for the injured Jean-Michel Bayle. The 35-year-old from Hiroshima hasn't raced at all for about two years and was as surprised as Biaggi that he was on the front row. In fact, Nanba took the top spot from Doohan with five minutes to go, only losing it three minutes later when Biaggi bested him.

The greater pleasure in qualifying so well was in knowing that the work he had done to develop the new Yamaha YZR500 had paid off.

"I haven't raced for about two years, so in the race I want the other three Yamahas to lead and follow them right on their exhausts," Nanba said. "I don't know about tires and grip for the full race distance, so it may be difficult."

Next to Nanba was his countryman Tadayuki Okada, the Repsol Honda rider who had taken the pole here in 1997. Okada said a small rear-suspension problem kept him from improving his time. He also knew that Biaggi's time was impossible to do for race distance, so he felt that he was on the race pace.

Doohan sat on the end of the front row, nearly a second slower than Biaggi, but not sounding concerned. He'd run consistent times all weekend - just not the very fastest - and that's what it takes to win races.

"Max put in a fantastic time this afternoon, but consistencywise that's a whole different picture," Doohan said. "I think in the race it's the same thing. Once the bikes do start to move around, you'll have a different race again. Sure, the lap times are tumbling, but again, when we get into a race situation, we're going to see if we can maintain that momentum.

"Obviously it would've been good to get the fastest lap, but we're more concerned about getting a good race setup," Doohan added. "Trying to stay on the front row was my main concern and I only managed that, so I'm happy."

Of more concern to Doohan was the effect that the switch to unleaded fuel had had on the bikes and riders. He said that the lap times were lower due to the fact that you can get more out of the machine "because they haven't got much power so they're a bit easier to ride. But I still think when things start to get a bit nasty, lap times won't be as consistent, because already you're riding in front of the bike. When you've got the gas open, and the back wheel really hasn't caught up so it can spin, that's where you're kind of in a danger zone. If the thing does spin, it's going to catch you out. So I think this year you're going to see quite a lot of high-sides. This is why I was saying earlier that the characteristics are all wrong. It makes it quicker, and makes it easier to get everyone up to the pace, but I think the end result is that you're going to see a lot more people trying to be Superman."

MoviStar Honda Pons' Carlos Checa led off the third row in front of three Japanese riders, a wild card and two regulars. The Spaniard spent the session working on front suspension and felt he could get down to the 2:06 range, which he did.

Japanese wild card Noriyuki Haga, the Yamaha World Superbike rider who won a leg in the World Superbike season opener in Australia, and who co-holds the points lead with Carl Fogarty, was sixth in his first grid on a 500. At times he appears to be constantly on the edge of disaster, and there was some question about his ability to adapt to the 500. He even admitted that, because of a front-end grip problem, he thought he was going to fall down many times.

"I don't want to make the excuse that I'm a superbike rider," the 23-year-old from Aichi said. "This is a one-off race on the 500, but I'll still try my best like any other race. If we can sort out the problem overnight, then I could be close."

Just behind Haga came Yamaha Team Rainey's Norick Abe, visibly disappointed when he pulled in at the end of the session after a small engine problem had prevented him from improving above seventh.

The final rider on the second row was Nobuatsu Aoki, eighth in his first GP aboard the radically altered Suzuki RGV-500 Gamma XR-88.

Back on the third row was MoviStar Honda Pons' John Kocinski. The World Superbike Champion may have ended up quicker if the team hadn't fitted the wrong tire late in the session. After testing a number of tires, Kocinski had chosen one which he'd asked to be fitted at the end of the session. But when he went out for his hot laps, Kocinski discovered he was using a tire he'd never tested before.

"I was sure to do a 2:06, and I was waiting until the last minute to try and do it," Kocinski said. "But when I went out for the final three laps, I realized that I didn't like the tire that I had and I didn't try to push too hard."

Kocinski shared the third row with Repsol Honda's Alex Criville, Red Bull Yamaha's Simon Crafar, and Repsol Honda's Sete Gibernau, in 12th, the fastest of the Honda V-twins.

Criville was noticeably uncomfortable on the V-four, the front end pushing in the uphill corners, with no relief in sight.

"I have to be honest and admit that this will probably be a very difficult race for me," he said.

Crafar was left to carry the Red Bull standard after his teammate Regis Laconi crashed in practice, breaking his right ankle. The Red Bull Yamaha WCM team is also the only factory team using Dunlop tires and Crafar, who used Dunlops last year on the Kawasaki World Superbike team, said he could feel all of the track's imperfections through the tires.

Gibernau, who was riding in place of the injured Takuma Aoki, recovered sufficiently from the concussion he suffered when he crashed coming onto the front straight on Friday that he was confident he could race. His time was seven-tenths of a second faster than Takuma Aoki had turned on the same machine last year and it would have put him on the pole for the 1997 race.

"I've got no problems with my head after I banged it yesterday," Gibernau said. "I think the biggest problem tomorrow will be the guys in front."

The American contingent was further down the grid, with Kenny Roberts Jr. 15th on the Team Roberts Modenas KR3 and FCC Technical Sport's Matt Wait 22nd after seizing both of his Honda V-twins in the morning session and then having more problems in qualifying.

Roberts Jr. lapped three seconds faster than he had the previous day, but he was still nearly four seconds off the pace. Partly that was because, unlike the others, his team hadn't tested at Suzuka. And, though he had a new chassis and suspension, his team was using an updated version of last year's engine. The new motor won't be ready until the end of May.

"It's a lot funner bike to ride this year," Roberts Jr. said, though he did have one scary moment in the second qualifying session. "I tucked the front and I was on my knee for a long time. I don't know how I saved it. It's an area where I did it before, a scary area. If something happened, I was ready."

Wait's day began with problems and never improved. He seized both of his Honda NSR-500Vs in the morning and had problems early in qualifying which left him stranded on the track. After making his way back to the pits, he took his second bike out and immediately improved his time.

Round 1: Japanese Grand Prix

Akita (2:19.881); 24. Emilio Alzamora (2:20.171); 25. Jose Ramon Ramirez (2:20.281); 26. Yoshiaki Katoh (2:20.457); 27. Andrea Ballerini (2:20.561); 28. Paolo Tessari (2:20.567); 29. Arnaud Vincent (2:20.985); 30. Christian Manna (2:24.188).

125cc GRAND PRIX: 1. Kazuto Sakata (Apr); 2. Tomomi Manako (Hon); 3. Masao Azuma (Hon); 4. Lucio Cecchinello (Hon); 5. Nobuyuki Osaki (Yam); 6. Gianluigi Scalvini (Hon); 7. Hiroyuki Kikuchi (Hon); 8. Masaki Tokudome (Apr); 9. Takashi Akita (Yam); 10. Marco Melandri (Hon); 11. Frederic Petit (Hon); 12. Yoshiaki Katoh (Yam); 13. Angel Nieto Jr. (Apr); 14. Kazuhiro Takao (Hon); 15. Ivan Goi (Apr); 16. Juan Maturana (Yam); 17. Jose Ramon Martinez (Apr); 18. Andrea Ballerini (Hon); 19. Paolo Tessari (Apr); 20. Arnaud Vincent (Apr); 21. Emilio Alzamora (Apr).
Time: 41 min., 23.963 sec.
Distance: 18 laps, 65.59 miles.
Average speed: 95.06 mph.
Margin of victory: 0.156 sec.
Fastest lap: Masao Azuma, 2:16.128/96.365 mph (new lap record), lap 6.
125cc WORLD C'SHIP POINT STANDINGS (After 1 of 15 rounds): 1. Kazuto Sakata (25/1 win); 2. Tomomi Manako (20); 3. Masao Azuma (16); 4. Lucio Cecchinello (13); 5. Nobuyuki Osaki (11); 6. Gianluigi Scalvini (10); 7. Hiroyuki Kikuchi (9); 8. Masaki Tokudome (8); 9. Takashi Akita (7); 10. Marco Melandri (6); 11. Frederic Petit (5); 12. Yoshiaki Katoh (4); 13. Angel Nieto Jr. (3); 14. Kazuhiro Takao (2); 15. Ivan Goi (1).

250cc QUALIFYING: 1. Daijiro Katoh (2:08.430); 2. Tohru Ukawa (2:08.767); 3. Shinya Nakano (2:08.797); 4. Olivier Jacque (2:09.328); 5. Naoki Matsudo (2:09.356); 6. Loris Capirossi (2:09.421); 7. Valentino Rossi (2:09.439); 8. Osamu Miyazaki (2:09.467); 9. Tetsuya Harada (2:09.610); 10. Choujun Kameya (2:09.655); 11. Jurgen Fuchs (2:09.850); 12. Jose Luis Cardoso (2:09.900); 13. Stefano Perugini (2:10.071); 14. Yukio Kagayama (2:10.363); 15. Noriyasu Numata (2:10.428); 16. Jeremy McWilliams (2:10.464); 17. Takeshi Tsujimura (2:10.551); 18. Makoto Tamada (2:11.232); 19. Luis D'Antin (2:11.252); 20. Franco Battaini (2:11.377); 21. Luca Boscoscuro (2:11.505); 22. Haruchika Aoki (2:11.634); 23. Jason Vincent (2:11.901); 24. Sebastian Porto (2:11.982); 25. Johan Stigefelt (2:12.016); 26. William Costes (2:13.321); 27. Roberto Rolfo (2:14.632); 28. Davide Bulega (2:15.461); 29. Tasumasa Hatakeyama (2:16.456); 30. Federico Gartner (2:16.816).

250cc GRAND PRIX: 1. Daijiro Katoh (Hon); 2. Shinya Nakano (Yam); 3. Naoki Matsudo (Yam); 4. Tetsuya Harada (Apr); 5. Olivier Jacque (Hon); 6. Yukio Kagayama (Suz); 7. Loris Capirossi (Apr); 8. Jose Luis Cardoso (Yam); 9. Noriyasu Numata (Suz); 10. Jeremy McWilliams (Hon); 11. Haruchika Aoki (Hon); 12. Stefano Perugini (Hon); 13. Choujun Kameya (Suz); 14. Osamu Miyazaki (Yam); 15. Takeshi Tsujimura (Yam); 16. Makoto Tamada (Hon); 17. Jurgen Fuchs (Apr); 18. Luca Boscoscuro (Hon); 19. Jason Vincent (Hon); 20. Davide Bulega (Hon).
Time: 41 min., 17.096 sec.
Distance: 19 laps, 69.23 miles.
Average speed: 100.618 mph.
Margin of victory: 0.896 sec.
Fastest lap: Daijiro Katoh, 2:08.430/101.467 mph (new lap record), lap 8.
250cc WORLD C'SHIP POINT STANDINGS (After 1 of 15 rounds): 1. Daijiro Katoh (25/1 win); 2. Shinya Nakano (20); 3. Naoki Matsudo (16); 4. Tetsuya Harada (13); 5. Olivier Jacque (11); 6. Yukio Kagayama (10); 7. Loris Capirossi (9); 8. Jose Luis Cardoso (8); 9. Noriyasu Numata (7); 10. Jeremy McWilliams (6); 11. Haruchika Aoki (5); 12. Stefano Perugini (4); 13. Choujun Kameya (3); 14. Osamu Miyazaki (2); 15. Takeshi Tsujimura (1).

500cc QUALIFYING: 1. Max Biaggi (2:05.772); 2. Kyoji Nanba (2:06.411); 3. Tadayuki Okada (2:06.697); 4. Mick Doohan (2:06.701); 5. Carlos Checa (2:06.871); 6. Noriyuki Haga (2:06.921); 7. Norick Abe (2:07.051); 8. Nobuatsu Aoki (2:07.096); 9. John Kocinski (2:07.488); 10. Alex Criville (2:07.526); 11. Simon Crafar (2:07.626); 12. Sete Gibernau (2:07.815); 13. Alex Barros (2:08.074); 14. Keiichi Kitagawa (2:08.457); 15. Kenny Roberts Jr. (2:09.607); 16. Juan Borja (2:10.152); 17. Ralf Waldmann (2:10.222); 18. Regis Laconi (2:10.270); 19. Garry McCoy (2:10.587); 20. Jurgen van den Goorbergh (2:10.822); 21. Sebastien Gimbert (2:10.863); 22. Matt Wait (2:11.057); 23. Doriano Romboni (2:11.181); 24. Scott Smart (2:11.859).

500cc GRAND PRIX: 1. Max Biaggi (Hon); 2. Tadayuki Okada (Hon); 3. Noriyuki Haga (Yam); 4. Alex Criville (Hon); 5. Kyoji Nanba (Yam); 6. Nobuatsu Aoki (Suz); 7. Alex Barros (Hon); 8. Carlos Checa (Hon); 9. Simon Crafar (Yam); 10. Sete Gibernau (Hon); 11. Kenny Roberts Jr. (Mod); 12. Doriano Romboni (MuZ); 13. John Kocinski (Hon); 14. Norick Abe (Yam); 15. Juan Borja (Hon); 16. Fabio Carpani (Hon).

Time: 44 min., 59.478 sec.
Distance: 21 laps, 76.52 miles.
Average speed: 102.048 mph.
Margin of victory: 5.416 sec.
Fastest lap: Max Biaggi, 2:06.746/103.498 mph (new lap record), lap 4.
500cc WORLD C'SHIP POINT STANDINGS (After 1 of 15 rounds): 1. Max Biaggi (25/1 win); 2. Tadayuki Okada (20); 3. Noriyuki Haga (16); 4. Alex Criville (13); 5. Kyoji Nanba (11); 6. Nobuatsu Aoki (10); 7. Alex Barros (9); 8. Carlos Checa (8); 9. Simon Crafar (7); 10. Sete Gibernau (6); 11. Kenny Roberts Jr. (5); 12. Doriano Romboni (4); 13. John Kocinski (3); 14. Norick Abe (2); 15. Juan Borja (1).

(From left to right) Tadayuki Okada, Max Biaggi and Noriyuki Haga celebrate their 2-1-3 finish in the Marlboro Grand Prix of Japan.

Upcoming Rounds:
Round 2 - Johor, Malaysia, April 19
Round 3 - Jerez, Spain, May 3

Briefly...

Repsol Honda's Mick Doohan's run of **consecutive pole positions** ended at 12 - the final dozen races from last season. His record for finishing races was even stronger, going back to a crash in the German GP in 1995. That streak also ended when his crankshaft let go on the 16th lap while he was running 11th. He'd dropped to 11th from sixth place when he bottomed the front forks out going into turn one on the third lap. "After that, I just didn't feel comfortable," Doohan said. "I was trying to catch up to the other guys, but I was just racing by myself. Then the engine stopped. There's not much I can do. There's still 14 races to go." The last time Doohan had an engine-breakage problem was at the season opener in Suzuka in 1989 when his motor seized. He also failed to finish when his fuel injection failed at Eastern Creek in 1989. Sources in the team said that the use of unleaded fuel seems to be having an adverse affect on crankshaft life, and that the team will have to re-evaluate the mileage lifespan of the NSR500's crank. The team also said that the NSR500 is less fuel-efficient when using the unleaded gas - thus, Doohan was running with more fuel at the start of the race than normal and that may have caused him to run off the track early on.

The Kenny Roberts-owned Modenas team didn't have a half-bad day, considering how things went at the start of the race. "It was pretty crazy early on," **Kenny Roberts Jr.** said. "There were guys bouncing into each other all over the place. I must've lost four seconds on the first lap when two guys crashed in front of me at the hairpin. If that hadn't happened, I may have been able to tag onto (Simon) Crafar and that bunch." His teammate, Ralf Waldmann, didn't have much luck in his 500cc debut. "Somebody came inside me into the chicane on the first lap," the German explained. "I had to take avoiding action and when I got off the track, I crashed."

Another 500cc rookie who crashed out early was Australian **Garry McCoy**. The Shell Advance team rider never made it through the first lap. "I was passing people like they were on the warmup lap," McCoy said. "I passed (Sete) Gibernau, then (Carlos) Checa, then (John) Kocinski, and I was taking (Simon) Crafar into the hairpin when (Nobuatsu) Aoki cut to the inside white line. I went into him and over the top."

Team Rainey Yamaha's **Jean-Michel Bayle** will make his return to racing at the Spanish GP in Jerez, missing the first two Asian rounds of the 500cc World Championship, according to team owner Wayne Rainey. Rainey said that the Frenchman was going "incredibly fast" when he fell off and hit his head. "It never knocked him out," Rainey said, "but he felt bad for a month." According to Rainey, Bayle had five or six CAT scans and the doctors could find nothing wrong. The problem, Rainey believes, was more mental than physical. "I think the problem was that the GP season was about to start and it caused anxiety for him," Rainey said. "Two weeks ago we made the decision to skip the first two races." Since then his recovery has been markedly better.

Kyoji Nanba will race the Rainey Yamaha again in the next GP in Malaysia, and he will be joined by fellow test rider Norihiko Fujiwara. Fujiwara will ride as a wild card in the BP Yamaha Racing Team colors. The 31-year-old from Shizuoka raced a 500 in the All-Japan Championship for eight years and was champion from 1989 to 1991. He switched to superbikes when the championship changed and finished third in 1996, his last full season. Last year he was a test rider for the YZF750 superbike, but he has been testing the new YZR500 this year.

With a little help from former World Champion Eddie Lawson, **Wayne Rainey** has gotten back to racing, on the track, for the first time since his paralyzing injury 4 ½ years ago. Lawson built Rainey a TZ250-powered shifter go-kart with hand controls. In his two race appearances, Rainey won at Willow Springs and finished second to Lawson at Buttonwillow. "I never dreamed I'd have the opportunity to put a helmet on and focus my eyes at 150 mph," Rainey said. "It's changed the way I look at my situation. Being able to go out there and compete again has transformed my life to where I have something to look forward to on a personal level."

Despite being paralyzed from the waist down, **Takuma Aoki** insists that he will race again. In a statement released by the Repsol Honda team, Aoki, from his hospital bed, said: "At the moment, I am doing rehabilitation work at the hospital in order to come back to the Grand Prix racing soonest." The release also said that Aoki would be moved to the United States to continue his rehabilitation as soon as the hospital is ready to accept him and he is granted a visa. The name of the hospital was not released. Wayne Rainey, who suffered similar injuries nearly five years ago, has been in touch with Aoki and advised him on where to seek medical help in the United States.

The switch to unleaded fuel hasn't been as big a problem as expected, according to Team Suzuki crew chief **Stuart Shenton**. Shenton, who heads up Nobuatsu Aoki's technical team, and who formerly worked at Suzuki with Kevin Schwantz and Daryl Beattie, said they began testing the unleaded fuel the week after the final race of the 1997 season. "Things that you'd expect to have to change, we changed, but not as much as we thought. One obvious thing is that lubrication is less and it burns differently than the rocket fuel we used to use. The changes in the engine-management system is getting around that problem." Shenton said he couldn't say for sure how much difference the switch made to engine power since the team has made substantial improvements to the motor. "Top speed, maximum throttle, maximum horsepower is a little bit down. Acceleration is where we were with last year's bike. In 12 months' time, we'll be back to where we were."

Yamaha's Grand Prix manager, Shunji Sakurada, said that his team had benefited from having to use **unleaded fuel** in the YZR250 that they ran in the All-Japan Championship last year. They began development on the 500 at the beginning of the 1997 season using regular pump fuel. "In all ranges there was a loss of horsepower, especially at the peak from 11,000 to 13,000 rpm. After seeing that, we tried to improve the shape of the exhaust port and the expansion chambers. We can recover the bottom and the middle. We still couldn't catch up on the peak power. We also had to reduce the compression ratio."

Kenny Roberts Jr.'s **Modenas KR3** was fitted with a distinctive tail section and fairing for the first practice session on Friday, but it was replaced with last year's more traditional unit for qualifying and the rest of the weekend. "It made it go around corners so weird," Roberts Jr. said. "It's such a different feeling. We need to be able to test it. We tested it for half a day in Spain and it was the same thing and we didn't know the bike settings." Roberts Jr.'s teammate Ralf Waldmann chose to forgo the new piece from the start. The bodywork, which had had been designed by Lotus, significantly improved top speed.

Regis Laconi had a short weekend in Suzuka after breaking his right ankle in a crash during Friday's afternoon qualifying session. The Red Bull Yamaha rider crashed on the sixth lap at the end of the long front straight when he accidentally backshifted to first gear, tumbling well through the gravel trap. "It's not good," he said. "I high-sided as I went into the first turn but I don't understand why. I'll have to have a look at the data with my engineers. I wasn't really pushing. My hand is not such a problem, but the ankle is." In addition to breaking his ankle, he broke his left ring finger, sprained his right hip, and dislocated his left little finger. Laconi will miss the Malaysian GP in two weeks' time, but is expected to return for the first European round at Jerez on May 3. Red Bull Yamaha WCM racing director Peter Clifford said there were no plans to replace Laconi in Malaysia.

The best press releases in the paddock continue to come from the **MoviStar Honda Pons** team. In their GP preview, this caption ran with a photo of John Kocinski looking at his helmet: "The helmet is an essential element for a racer and, of course, it is also compulsory. John Kocinski is very pleased with his helmet this year. There are times alone on a break when he opens his heart to it, perhaps waiting for some good advice because this part of his garment stays with him during long passes almost on the edge of time. Because things at times can also have a heart." The helmet had no comment.

Carmelo Ezpeleta, the managing director of Dorna, the GP rights holder, said that he would like to see the World Championships return to the United States, but that there were obstacles to overcome. "We have a good chance to go back to the States," Ezpeleta said. "Kenny Roberts lost a lot of money and Dorna lost a lot of money. If the race track is safe, we would go. We are trying to improve interest through television, Speedvision and Fox. If we go back to the United States, we want to go to the proper city with a proper contract. We looked at Homestead in '95."

The FIM made the decision to revert back to **last year's starting procedure** for the first two 500cc races because of a lack of power for tire warmers on the starting grid. The new procedure had the 500cc riders sitting on the start line with their helmets off for five minutes as a way of increasing television exposure for the riders. Because Japan's electrical current runs at 110 volts, and the teams use 220-volt tire warmers, there wasn't enough power near the start line to run the warmers. The teams carry converters to use in their garages. Malaysia, the sight of the second race, runs at 220, but the FIM decided to wait until the first race at Jerez, at the beginning of May, before instituting the new format.

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Round 13: Pontiac Silverdome

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After four weeks of alternating domination by Yamaha riders Jeremy McGrath and Kevin Windham, the Supercross Series needed a little shaking up. And that's just what happened as Team Honda's Ezra Lusk rode to his third win of the series in front of the 60,189 fans who flocked to the Pontiac Superdome.

Lusk's win not only proved that the Georgian is now fully healed from that hand injury that slowed him midseason; it was all the more sweet due to the fact that the win settled a score between himself and mechanic Mike Gosselar.

"Two weeks ago, we made a bet that if I didn't win, I'd have to grow a mustache and keep it until I won," Lusk explained. "It's coming off, but he's got a mustache that he's had for over 10 years and now he's got to get rid of it because I won.

"Everything is going great," Lusk continued. "You never really know how good of a team you have until you have to dig down and pull it out of the bag. We've had some bad weekends but you really realize what you've got when this happens. I had a lot of bad weeks when I got hurt (his hand fracture), but I think we're back on track. We've had a three, a two, and now a one in the last three weeks, so we worked up the ladder and now we're back on top."

Lusk turned in a great start and ride to earn the win, but it was not without a little help from the early race leader, Team Chaparral/Yamaha's Jeremy McGrath, who crashed at the end of the second lap.

"I got a good start," McGrath explained. "I was riding really well and really loose and started to pull away - I had a three-second lead or something - and I just made a little mistake and crashed. I came up a little short on this jump-across thing, so when I hit it, I got bucked sideways, rode the front wheel a little, and then I tipped over going into the berm. That's when something happened to my bars."

As the dazed McGrath picked up his bike from the corner, the handlebars flopped down onto the tank and his race was over before it had really begun. Many thought his new Twin-Wall Renthal handlebars had broken or something hadn't been properly tightened, but team manager Larry Brooks commented on the problem.

"When he crashed the bike, it flipped over and when it hit the berm, there was a lot of leverage on the handlebars and it broke a clamp," Brooks explained. "It's a freak thing, but common at times, because it happened to Button last week. It's just from the leverage and the bike driving into the ground. There is nothing wrong with the Renthal bars, though."

Last week's winner, Team Yamaha's Windham, rode a smart and steady race from his sixth-place start to finish second. Windham was very pleased with his finish, as he is the only other rider besides McGrath to finish within the top 10 in each of the 13 races.

"Man, it's weird," Windham said. "I set my goals for two (wins) in a row, but I haven't done it yet. I just keep going every other, so it looks like it's going to be my turn in Charlotte. It feels great, though. I had a little brain fade and didn't get a good start, but it feels good to go out on a track and know you can put in a good, hard 20 laps, which is exactly what I did tonight without getting tired. After McGrath went out, I saw Ezra and he was gone, so I thought it's time to charge up to the podium. Once I saw McGrath go down, I set my sights on second, and realistically it was probably the best I could have done tonight."

Yamaha teammate Doug Henry gated a little worse than Windham did in the main, but charged his YZ400F through the pack to claim a podium finish in third. It was the Connecticut resident's second third-place finish this year, the first occurring in Seattle.

"This is really good," Henry said. "Lately, I've gotten four fifths in a row. I'm just trying to come back from the first part of the year, which was up and down and more down than up. I'm just trying to settle in there and get ready for the outdoor series by staying focused, and tonight went really well for that. I didn't have the whoops down in the heat, but in the main, I got them down and that really helped."

The Tampa SX winner, Team Suzuki's Larry Ward, rode his RM250 to fourth overall after running as high as second early on. He eventually calmed down and nearly caught Henry on the last lap, trying to steal away the final podium spot.

"It's an okay result; I just made a lot of mistakes tonight," Ward said. "I think the track had a lot of big braking bumps, and it was a great track, but I just personally made a lot of mistakes. The last five laps were great, but up until then I was fighting it. I did mellow out the last five laps and almost caught Henry. I tried to ram him - well, not ram him, but got alongside of him in the last straightaway. You know, at least I didn't get run into this week or hurt anything, and I'll go to Charlotte in two weeks and try to get back on the podium."

Ward's teammate, Frenchman Mickael Pichon, gated well and was in the lead pack throughout the main, but settled for fifth at the checkers. Team Honda of Troy's Mike Craig took his third sixth-place finish in a row, followed by Team Jack in the Box/Honda's Mike LaRocco, Team Chaparral Yamaha's Jimmy Button, Team Honda's Steve Lamson and Team Yamaha's John Dowd, who crashed early on and charged up from 16th to finish 10th.

Team Kawasaki's Ryan Hughes finished 11th, Team Kawasaki of Mexico/Thor/Tecate's Jean-Sebastien Roy took 12th, Kawasaki of Carrollton/Thor/Pro Circuit-backed National Arenacross regular Cliff Palmer got 13th, and Honda of Troy teammates Mike Brown and Stephane Roncada finished 14th and 15th. Hudsonville, Michigan's own Todd DeHoop finished 16th, followed by Great Lakes Airlines/Bill's Pipes/Factory Connection-backed Heath Voss, Tom Morgan Racing/Dunlop/JT-sponsored Ryan Terlecki, and Yamaha of Japan/Holley

(Above left) When Jeremy McGrath dropped out of the main with mechanical woes, Team Honda's Ezra Lusk pounced into the lead and rode off to victory. (Below) Last week's winner, Team Yamaha's Kevin Windham, came through the pack nicely to finish second.

Racing/Bridgestone's Takeshi Koikeda, and McGrath picked up the one point awarded to 20th.

McGrath's seemingly insurmountable points lead has dwindled slightly, but he still leads Windham in the standings, 268-237, with three races remaining. Lusk is still lurking in third with 224.

"There is still no points battle," McGrath said after the race. "I'm 31 points ahead now from 53 before this race, but it's no big deal. I made a little mistake and I'm still a race and six points ahead. I'm not really worried about it. It's good we've got a vacation coming so I can regroup, but I'm riding fine."

HEATS

Pichon edged out Windham for the holeshot in the first heat, with Kawasaki's Damon Huffman, Lusk, Hughes, Brown and a host of others in tow. While Windham pressured Pichon for the lead during the first two laps, racing behind the duo was a close pack consisting of Huffman, Hughes, Button and then Lusk. Disaster struck, though, when Huffman went over the bars hard while jumping the finish-line jump in the midst of the group. He did not get up on his own and was eventually taken off the track on a stretcher with what was later diagnosed as a broken right femur (see Briefly... section).

Windham got by Pichon exiting the whoop section during the third lap and raced off to the win.

"My heat went great," Windham said. "Me and Pichon were up there, battling. It was a good ride because the track's a little hard to pass on. I worked on him for a few laps and finally got it. I actually ended up with the fastest qualifier, which has been happening quite often lately, so I'm excited about that. The track was tough and he was going a good pace. I mean, I was behind him for half of the race and our qualifier was still faster. That's a sure sign that both of us were going fast and I'm excited about that."

Pichon stayed close to finish second, while Hughes maintained third over a squabbling Lusk and then Button. Going to the semi with Button were Roy, Palmer and Roncada in sixth through eighth, along with Brown and Team Kawasaki of Mexico/Thor/Tecate fill-in Jeff Matiasevich, who crashed together on the first lap.

The second heat saw Bromley Suzuki/MSR/Dunlop-backed veteran Barry Carsten take the holeshot, with McGrath, Craig, Ward, Lamson and Dowd in close pursuit. Craig was on the move and tripled by Carsten before passing McGrath for the lead when the Chaparral/Yamaha rider bobbled in the same spot where he would later break his bike in the main.

Once he composed himself, McGrath took the lead back and took off to the win in front of Craig.

"I got a little tight in the heat race," McGrath explained. "On the first lap, I kind of cased the jump before the finish and Craig went around me. After that, I got back by him and just tried to calm down. I was making little mistakes and wanted to stretch it out."

Henry moved through the pack after a mediocre start and got into a battle with Lamson and then Ward while trying to get into third place. Henry flew lower over a triple jump to finally steal third away from Ward, who took the final transfer in fourth feeling some heat from the charging LaRocco. Lamson settled for sixth ahead of Dowd, and the two went to the semi with the rest.

(Left) Doug Henry rode his factory-backed Yamaha to third in the main after running as high as second.
(Above) Team Suzuki's Larry Ward returned to the front of the pack and finished fourth, and nearly caught Henry at the end.

SEMIS

Button wanted into the main and shot to the lead of the first semi with Terlecki, Roy, Airdrie Motorsports/FMF/Smith-backed Jason Frenette, Brown and Palmer in tow. From that point, Button took off and hid, winning the semi with a comfortable margin over Roy, Brown, Palmer and Terlecki, who held on to take the fifth and final transfer to the main.

Matiasevich just missed the transfer in a distant sixth, along with Roncada. The French 125cc Western Region contender ran as high as fourth until he flew over a berm near the finish.

Dowd also wanted to be in the show and took the lead in the second semi, followed by DeHoop, Koikeda, LaRocco and Lamson. Lamson immediately leapfrogged his way into second and LaRocco did the same rather quickly to get into third, and the two finished behind Dowd. Voss came up through the pack to take fourth, and DeHoop held off Koikeda and Kames Sports/Pirelli/Pro Circuit-backed Mike Katin Jr. to take fifth. The rest went to the LCQ.

LAST-CHANCE QUALIFIER

Katin had the edge going into the first turn of the LCQ, with Roncada, Koikeda and the rest of the field in tow. Katin had a good lead for a lap until he threw it away in a rhythm section. From there, Roncada ran off to the win, while Matiasevich did his best to move through the pack for the final transfer. Matiasevich got close on the fifth lap, but a few mistakes sent him to the pits for the night.

MAIN

The holeshot in the main event went to McGrath; he was followed by Lusk, Dowd, Pichon, Ward, Windham and Henry. McGrath pulled out to a promising two-second lead by the end of the first lap, as the rest of the group shuffled itself. In fact, Windham was forced off of the track and almost into the stands as the lead pack raced up the loop that went into the grandstands, but he recovered without losing too much ground.

By the middle of the first lap, McGrath had a good lead, trailed by Lusk, Ward, Henry, Pichon, Button and then Windham. Just as McGrath was about to finish his second lap, his race was ended when he came up short in a rhythm section, swapped, and crashed directly into the oncoming turn. The force of the crash broke the clamps that secure the bars, and as McGrath struggled to find a place to lift his bike, he and Ward made contact.

"When Jeremy went down and stood back up, I think he was in a little bit of a daze," Ward explained. "He stood up and looked at his bike and stood up again and kind of lost his feet, and my shoulder and his shoulder just *nailed* each other and I knocked him down so hard. But I didn't mean to do it."

From there on out, it was Lusk's race to lose, and he didn't have a problem with that, as he raged off to victory. The win was so far in the bag that many of the fans were booking for the exits by the 15th lap.

"I got beside Jeremy out of the starting gate and we came out really good, perfect," said Lusk about his winning ride. "We went into the first turn side by side, and he came out just a little bit ahead of me. I followed Jeremy for a few laps - I knew he was going to hammer down - and I just wanted to watch and try to pick some good lines. I think I had closed in on him when he fell. I saw him hitting the ground, and I did that in the same exact place in practice yesterday, and it doesn't feel good. After I got the lead, I just went as hard as I could and tried to pull away. Halfway through, I got a little tense and didn't really go as good as I should have, but it was good enough to still win the race."

The top running order remained the same for much of the race, but it was Windham who wanted more as he came through the pack. He got Button early on, and then passed Pichon and then Ward near the finish about midway through - which left only his teammate Henry in the way. It took Windham about three laps to reel in his teammate before he moved by *nicely* on lap 15.

"I made a nice inside pass on him (Henry) and didn't get too physical," Windham explained. "He rode a good race and I'm pumped to see him up there. That's an improvement and hopefully he can keep it going - keep putting those Yamahas on the podium."

Lusk had a 10-second lead by the time Windham got to second and that was as far as he would climb. He eventually finished five seconds behind Lusk at the finish and was pleased with his ride, although not fully satisfied.

"It was just one of those things. My bike is working awesome," Windham said after the race. "I just had a little bit of brain fade and had a slow reaction and got boxed off into the first turn. I was inside the top 10, maybe sixth, but whenever there are six guys in front of you, it looks like you're way back. Passing through the pack went pretty good. It took a little while, but we've got a long time - 20 laps is a long main event."

Henry held on to fourth, although not without feeling some big pressure from Ward on the last lap.

"I got an okay start - maybe in the top five somewhere - and just had to work past a couple of guys," Henry explained. "A couple guys went down in front of me, so I pretty much just rode my own race. I saw that shot at the podium, so I was really working towards that. I had to get by Pichon in the beginning when I jumped lower than him on a triple jump, and then Ward made a mistake and I got by him. It was a good night for the team and me."

(Right) McGrath (2) had the lead in the main and was pulling away until he crashed and broke his triple clamps, rendering the handlebars useless.

(Left) Ricky Carmichael rode to his seventh straight 125cc Eastern Regional win and locked up the championship with one round still remaining.
(Above) Casey Lytle (33) took the holeshot in the 125cc main and finished second in front of a determined Robbie Reynard (21).

Ward settled for fourth, right in front of his Suzuki teammate Pichon.

"I got a pretty good start and kind of closed my eyes and jumped that first triple and came out in third," Ward said. "Then I was riding in second, and I was just fighting some of those little ruts and not riding real smooth. And then the two Yamaha guys got me and I said, 'I've got to calm down,' and I calmed down and rode pretty good the last five or so laps."

Craig rounded the first lap in sixth and eventually finished there, while LaRocco took seventh after moving up from his 11th-place position recorded on the first lap. Button and Lamson finished eighth and ninth, neither of them quite able to make up for mediocre starts, and Dowd charged to round out the top 10 after falling on the third lap.CN

Silverdome
Pontiac, Michigan
Results: April 4, 1998 (Round 13 of 16)

250 HEAT 1 (8 laps, 1-4 transfer to main): 1. Kevin Windham (Yam); 2. Mickael Pichon (Suz); 3. Ryan Hughes (Kaw); 4. Ezra Lusk (Hon); 5. Jimmy Button (Yam); 6. Jean-Sebastien Roy (Kaw); 7. Cliff Palmer (Kaw); 8. Stephane Roncada (Hon); 9. Kevin Crine (Kaw); 10. Ryan Terlecki (Suz); 11. Jason Frenette (Kaw); 12. Rich Taylor (Suz); 13. Brian Stone (Kaw); 14. Jeff Tilton (Yam); 15. Eron Ezerins (Suz); 16. Damon Huffman (Kaw); 17. Billy Binckley (Yam); 18. Mike Brown (Hon); 19. Jeff Matiasevich (Kaw); 20. Kelly Smith (KTM).
Time: 8 min., 4.150 sec.

250 HEAT 2 (8 laps, 1-4 transfer to main): 1. Jeremy McGrath (Yam); 2. Mike Craig (Hon); 3. Doug Henry (Yam); 4. Larry Ward (Suz); 5. Mike LaRocco (Hon); 6. Steve Lamson (Hon); 7. John Dowd (Yam); 8. Heath Voss (Hon); 9. Todd DeHoop (Yam); 10. Carey Hart (Kaw); 11. Mike Katin (Yam); 12. Cory Bauder (Yam); 13. Anthony Amaradio (Yam); 14. Takeshi Koikeda (Yam); 15. James Chamberlain (Kaw); 16. Erik Anderson (Hon); 17. Barry Carsten (Suz); 18. Jason Thomas (Kaw); 19. Cory Keeney (Yam); 20. James Evans (Kaw).
Time: 8 min., 5.310 sec.

250 SEMI 1 (6 laps, 1-5 transfer to main): 1. Jimmy Button (Yam); 2. Jean-Sebastien Roy (Kaw); 3. Mike Brown (Hon); 4. Cliff Palmer (Kaw); 5. Ryan Terlecki (Suz); 6. Jeff Matiasevich (Kaw); 7. Jason Frenette (Kaw); 8. Brian Stone (Kaw); 9. Jeff Tilton (Yam); 10. Billy Binckley (Yam); 11. Eron Ezerins (Suz); 12. Kevin Crine (Kaw); 13. Rich Taylor (Suz); 14. Stephane Roncada (Hon); 15. Damon Huffman (Kaw); 16. Kelly Smith (KTM).
Time: 6 min., 13.380 sec.

250 SEMI 2 (6 laps, 1-5 transfer to main): 1. John Dowd (Yam); 2. Steve Lamson (Hon); 3. Mike LaRocco (Hon); 4. Heath Voss (Hon); 5. Todd DeHoop (Yam); 6. Takeshi Koikeda (Yam); 7. Mike Katin (Yam); 8. Cory Bauder (Yam); 9. Carey Hart (Kaw); 10. James Chamberlain (Kaw); 11. Erik Anderson (Hon); 12. Anthony Amaradio (Yam); 13. Barry Carsten (Suz); 14. Jason Thomas (Kaw); 15. Cory Keeney (Yam); 16. James Evans (Kaw).
Time: 6 min., 7.510 sec.

250 LCQ (6 laps, 1-2 transfer to main): 1. Stephane Roncada (Hon); 2. Takeshi Koikeda (Yam); 3. Jeff Matiasevich (Kaw); 4. Jason Frenette (Kaw); 5. Anthony Amaradio (Yam); 6. Rich Taylor (Suz); 7. Kevin Crine (Kaw); 8. Brian Stone (Kaw); 9. Carey Hart (Kaw); 10. Cory Bauder (Yam); 11. Billy Binckley (Yam); 12. Erik Anderson (Hon); 13. Jeff Tilton (Yam); 14. Eron Ezerins (Suz); 15. James Chamberlain (Kaw); 16. Mike Katin (Yam); 17. Barry Carsten (Suz); 18. Jason Thomas (Kaw); 19. Cory Keeney (Yam); 20. Damon Huffman (Kaw); 21. Kelly Smith (KTM).
Time: 6 min., 17.760 sec.

250 MAIN (20): 1. Ezra Lusk (Hon); 2. Kevin Windham (Yam); 3. Doug Henry (Yam); 4. Larry Ward (Suz); 5. Mickael Pichon (Suz); 6. Mike Craig (Hon); 7. Mike LaRocco (Hon); 8. Jimmy Button (Yam); 9. Steve Lamson (Hon); 10. John Dowd (Yam); 11. Ryan Hughes (Kaw); 12. Jean-Sebastien Roy (Kaw); 13. Cliff Palmer (Kaw); 14. Mike Brown (Hon); 15. Stephane Roncada (Hon); 16. Todd DeHoop (Yam); 17. Heath Voss (Hon); 18. Ryan Terlecki (Suz); 19. Takeshi Koikeda (Yam); 20. Jeremy McGrath (Yam).
Time: 20min., 46.220 sec.
Margin of victory: 5.002 sec.

250cc AMA SUPERCROSS SERIES POINT STANDINGS (After 13 of 16 rounds): 1. Jeremy McGrath (268/6 wins); 2. Kevin Windham (237/2 win); 3. Ezra Lusk (224/3 wins); 4. Larry Ward (190/1 win); 5. Mike LaRocco (189); 6. Mickael Pichon (168); 7. Doug Henry (163); 8. Damon Huffman (150); 9. Jeff Emig (146); 10. Jimmy Button (139); 11. Ryan Hughes (131); 12. Mike Craig (128); 13. Mike Brown (103); 14. John Dowd (81); 15. Steve Lamson (76); 16. Sebastien Tortelli (71/1 win); 17. Jean-Sebastien Roy (59); 18. Phil Lawrence (41); 19. Tim Ferry (34); 20. Ryan Terlecki (19).

KTM JR. SUPERCROSS CHALLENGE: 1. Anthony Jennings; 2. Robert Wagner; 3. Garrett Wilson; 4. Dominic Izzi; 5. Donnie Gray Jr.; 6. Daniel Ausleybrook; 7. Michael Stryker; 8. Kyle Gilchrist; 9. Allen Jones; 11. Casandra Regal; 12. Cameron Martinez; 13. Zach Janocha 14. Deven Dickerhoof; 15. Dennis Zultak.

Upcoming Rounds:
Round 14 - Charlotte, North Carolina, April 18
Round 15 - Dallas, Texas, April 25

Toyota Trucks/Thor Parts Unlimited AMA Eastern Regional 125cc Supercross Series
Round 7: Pontiac Silverdome

Carmichael's playground

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For the seventh time this year, Team Pro Circuit/SplitFire/Kawasaki's Ricky Carmichael was the first rider to cross the finish line in a 125cc Eastern Regional Supercross main event. The win came in front of a packed house at the Pontiac Silverdome, and with the win Carmichael claimed his first 125cc Supercross Championship title and also tied Doug Henry's 1993 record of seven wins in a row.

Carmichael won the 15-lap main event after a pulling a fifth-place start. After falling in a rut on lap two, he passed four riders and moved into the lead on lap six. Throughout the next nine laps, Carmichael stretched his lead to a healthy 12 seconds. In the final laps and a victory parade lap, Carmichael gave the crowd what they asked for: a series of patented Carmichael whips that had everybody on their feet.

"I couldn't be any happier," Carmichael said after the event. "That's what it's all about: whipping it and letting the fans have a good time. The Championship feels great. I'm ecstatic."

Finishing second on the night was Honda of Troy/Sinisalo-backed Casey Lytle. The California native grabbed the holeshot in the final and led for five laps before being overtaken by Carmichael. Lytle rode smooth for the remaining 10 laps and held off a late-race charge by Robbie Reynard. This marked Lytle's best finish of the year, and he sits comfortably in fourth in the point standings.

"I finally got a holeshot and tried to relax and get away from the other guys," Lytle said of his finish. "The track was good, and after Ricky passed me, I just tried to latch on and get myself some more distance from third."

Rounding out the podium was Primal Impulse Suzuki/Bill's Pipes/Answer-backed Reynard. The aforementioned Reynard was second behind Lytle off the start but was quickly relegated to fourth. After working his way by Brock Sellards on the ninth circuit, Reynard rode unchallenged for six laps, moving to the rear fender of Lytle and coming up several bike lengths short of second at the finish.

Finishing fourth was FMF/Honda-sponsored Sellards, who gated third, followed by Moto XXX/Pro Circuit's Paul Currie. Kawasaki-mounted Shae Bentley finished sixth as he was riding in Team Tecate colors and Currie's Moto XXX teammate Brian Deegan finished seventh. Primal Impulse/Suzuki/Factory Connection-backed Tony Lorusso crossed the line in eighth, with Tom Morgan/Lemonds Yamaha-mounted Robbie Skaggs in ninth. Cycle Shed KTM/FMF/Pirelli-sponsored James Povolny rounded out the top 10.

Although Carmichael already has the championship locked up, all he can talk about is the next race. The Charlotte Supercross is in two weeks and Carmichael wants his eighth win of the series.

"I'm going to focus on Charlotte, then the 125 Nationals," Carmichael said of the near future.

With one round remaining, Reynard controls second in the standings with 121 points, eight points ahead of Sellards with 113.

HEATS

R&S Kawasaki/Bridgestone/EVS-backed Isaiah Johnson nailed the start of heat one, with Bentley, Bromley Suzuki/MSR/EK-sponsored Barry Carsten and Reynard in tow. Bentley quickly moved by Johnson for the lead, while Reynard was being passed by Skaggs and Sellards was slipping into fifth. Skaggs bobbled soon thereafter and Reynard was on the move. Reynard pounced on Carsten and Johnson, then set sail for Bentley.

Reynard moved around Bentley on the fourth lap and would pull away for the win. Bentley held second to the finish while Sellards made some passes to finish third. Johnson held on to fourth, in front of Carsten and Deegan, and Primal Impulse/Suzuki-mounted Charley Bogard crossed in seventh. Povolny dropped several positions to eighth, and the final transfer went to RRP/Acerbis/Montgomeryville Cycles' Ty Wallace.

Currie grabbed the holeshot of heat two, with Kawasaki of Mexico/Thor/Tecate-sponsored Erick Vallejo and Kawaski of Carrollton/Renthal's Grayson Goodman in hot pursuit. Goodman jumped by Vallejo for second early on, while Carmichael was in sixth after a dismal start. Carmichael worked through the pack with ease and was in the lead for good by lap three.

By lap four, Carmichael had five seconds over Vallejo, who moved by Goodman and Currie for second. Carmichael pulled away for a seven-second win over his hard-charging Pro Circuit/SplitFire teammate, Nick Wey. Vallejo held on to third, with Currie crossing the line in fourth.

Lytle, who started in 10th, worked up to fifth, followed by Kingsport KTM/ProTel/Boyesen-backed Jim Neese. FMF/Thor/ Honda-supported Danny Smith came across in seventh with Streits Motorsports/Sunstar/Arnette-backed Jason Thomas in eighth. Goodman held on to the final transfer in ninth.

Lansing KTM/Michelin/Fox-sponsored Kelley Smith won the last-chance qualifier in front of Moto XXX's James Eickel and Skaggs. Lorusso made the cut by making a last-lap pass for fourth.

MAIN

Lytle nailed the start, with Reynard, Sellards, Goodman and Carmichael giving chase. Carmichael blitzed by Goodman and Sellards passed Reynard for second early on. Carmichael railed around Reynard for third at the end of lap one and was gunning for Sellards.

While closing on Sellards on lap three, Carmichael tipped over in a rut and Reynard moved back into third. Carmichael quickly remounted and charged once again after the leaders.

Lytle was in control out front on lap three and Sellards was being pressured for second by Reynard. A slight bobble by Reynard in the rockers was just enough for Carmichael to move back into the lead group and by the fifth lap Carmichael was pressuring Lytle for the lead.

Carmichael moved by Lytle in a rhythm section and packed his bags. Lytle settled into second as Sellards and Reynard battled for several laps. Currie, meanwhile, was having a quiet but strong ride in fifth.

Carmichael had three seconds on Lytle at the halfway point and Lytle had another five on Sellards and Reynard. Reynard moved by Sellards two laps later and began to slowly catch Lytle.

By lap 12, Carmichael was setting a

blistering pace, some 11 seconds ahead of Lytle. Reynard was now within three seconds of Lytle with three laps to go.

With the white flag waving, Carmichael knew he was the new 125cc Eastern Regional Supercross Champion, and the crowd also recognized it.

Carmichael rode the final lap quite slowly and saluted the crowd. With the crowd's approval, Carmichael went all out as he hit the larger jumps and pulled off some great tricks. Carmichael crossed the finish line and headed straight for his mechanic, Chad Watts, and team manager Mitch Payton to thank them for a job well-done.

"I couldn't be any happier," Carmichael said from the podium. "This is my second year (racing professionally) and I've got two championships, it feels great."

As everybody was paying attention to the new champ, the battle between Lytle and Reynard was getting better. Lytle had the strength he needed, though, and held on to second. Reynard finished closely in third, with Sellards finishing a quiet fourth.

"I got a little tense when I saw Ricky go down," Sellards said of his ride. "I have to win Charlotte now - I don't care about anything else."

Currie had his best ride of the year to finish fifth, with Bentley riding well for sixth. Seventh went to Deegan and Lorusso, who started near the back of the pack, finished eighth. Skaggs finished ninth, followed by KTM's most consistent rider of the year, Povolny, in 10th.

Bogard was 11th, followed by Vallejo, Thomas, Goodman, Danny Smith, Neese, Carsten, Wallace, Eickel, Kelly Smith, Johnson and Wey. CN

Carmichael and Pro Circuit Team Owner Mitch Payton talk strategy before the main: I came out here to see you win a championship - Go fast and win.

Silverdome
Pontiac, Michigan
Results: April 4, 1998 (Round 7 of 8)

125 HEAT 1 (6 laps, 1-9 transfer to main): 1. Robbie Reynard (Suz); 2. Shae Bentley (Kaw); 3. Brock Sellards (Hon); 4. Isaiah Johnson (Kaw); 5. Barry Carsten (Suz); 6. Brian Deegan (Kaw); 7. Charlie Bogard (Suz); 8. James Povolny (KTM); 9. Ty Wallace (Yam); 10. Jeffrey Baker (Kaw); 11. Gio Tedesco (Yam); 12. Robbie Skaggs (Yam); 13. Robbie Horton (KTM); 14. Jimmy Wilson (Suz); 15. Chad Sanner (Kaw); 16. Joseph Oehlhof (Hon); 17. Timmy Pustelak (Kaw); 18. Eron Ezerins (Suz); 19. Kenny Bartram (Suz); 20. Tom Clowers (Suz).
Time: 6 min., 22.770 sec.

125 HEAT 2 (6 laps, 1-9 transfer to main): 1. Ricky Carmichael (Kaw); 2. Nick Wey (Kaw); 3. Erick Vallejo (Kaw); 4. Paul Currie (Kaw); 5. Casey Lytle (Hon); 6. Jim Neese (KTM); 7. Danny Smith (Hon); 8. Jason Thomas (Kaw); 9. Grayson Goodman (Kaw); 10. Shaun Perolio (Suz); 11. Cory Keeney (Yam); 12. Doug DeHaan (Hon); 13. Tony Lorusso (Suz); 14. Steven Herman (Suz); 15. James Evans (Kaw); 16. Damien Potts (KTM); 17. Vincent Karnow (Suz); 18. James Eickel (Kaw); 19. Brian Stone (Kaw); 20. Kelly Smith (KTM).
Time: 6 min., 15.660 sec.

125 LCQ (4 laps, 1-4 transfer to main): 1. Kelly Smith (KTM); 2. James Eickel (Kaw); 3. Robbie Skaggs (Yam); 4. Tony Lorusso (Suz); 5. Gio Tedesco (Yam); 6. Robbie Horton (KTM); 7. Cory Keeney (Yam); 8. Tom Clowers (Suz); 9. Jimmy Wilson (Suz); 10. Jeffrey Baker (Kaw); 11. Chad Sanner (Kaw); 12. Timmy Pustelak (Kaw); 13. Kenny Bartram (Suz); 14. Damien Potts (KTM); 15. Eron Ezerins (Suz); 16. Brian Stone (Kaw); 17. Joseph Oehlhof (Hon); 18. Vincent Karnow (Suz); 19. Steven Herman (Suz); 20. James Evans (Kaw); 21. Shaun Perolio (Suz); 22. Doug DeHaan (Hon).
Time: 4 min., 21.250 sec.

125 MAIN (15 laps): 1. Ricky Carmichael (Kaw); 2. Casey Lytle (Hon); 3. Robbie Reynard (Suz); 4. Brock Sellards (Hon); 5. Paul Currie (Kaw); 6. Shae Bentley (Kaw); 7. Brian Deegan (Kaw); 8. Tony Lorusso (Suz); 9. Robbie Skaggs (Yam); 10. James Povolny (KTM); 11. Charlie Bogard (Suz); 12. Erick Vallejo (Kaw); 13. Jason Thomas (Kaw); 14. Grayson Goodman (Kaw); 15. Danny Smith (Hon); 16. Jim Neese (KTM); 17. Barry Carsten (Suz); 18. Ty Wallace (Yam); 19. James Eickel (Kaw); 20. Kelly Smith (KTM); 21. Isaiah Johnson (Kaw); 22. Nick Wey (Kaw).
Time: 16 min., 13.850 sec.
Margin of Victory: 11.003 sec.

125cc AMA EASTERN REGIONAL SUPERCROSS SERIES POINTS STANDINGS (After 7 of 8 rounds): 1. Ricky Carmichael (175/7 wins)*; 2. Robbie Reynard (121); 3. Brock Sellards (113); 4. Casey Lytle (101); 5. Shae Bentley (68); 6. James Povolny (63); 7. Tony Lorusso (62); 8. Jim Neese (58); 9. Robbie Skaggs (54); 10. Paul Currie (52); 11. Cory Keeney (49); 12. Barry Carsten (43); 13. Jason Thomas (42); 14. Shaun Perolio (41); 15. Jeff Dement (40); 16. Barry Carsten (39); 17. Brian Deegan (38); 18. Tyler Evans (35); 19. (TIE) Nick Wey/Danny Smith (30).
***Clinched championship.**

Upcoming Rounds:
Round 8 - Charlotte, North Carolina, April 18
East/West Shootout - Las Vegas, Nevada, May 5

Briefly...

Team Honda of Troy's **Casey Lytle** won the **1-900-PRO-RACE Holeshot Award** in the 125cc class and picked up an extra $500 for his efforts, while Team Chaparral/Yamaha's **Jeremy McGrath** won the award in the 250cc class and made himself $1000 richer in the process.

Both Kawasaki's **Jeff Emig** and Suzuki's **Greg Albertyn** were still out from injuries sustained and/or aggravated at the New Orleans Supercross three weeks ago. Suzuki team manager Roger DeCoster was still optimistic that "Albee," a three-time World MX Champion and crowd favorite, would return for Charlotte (April 18). "He's seeing a new doctor (who works with the San Diego Chargers), and he's treating the injuries with direct injections to the injured area." DeCoster added that the South African tried to ride last Tuesday and "could not move" on Wednesday. According to Kawasaki team manager Bruce Stjernstrom, "Emig has been going through back therapy two to three times a week and could be back for Charlotte."

Team Chaparral Yamaha's **Jimmy Button** had a couple of hard crashes during practice on Saturday that had many onlookers wondering if he would be able to even stand back up on his own. "I had a couple of horrible crashes in the first and second practice sessions," Button confirmed. "I don't know what's going on. The only thing I've done good today is sign autographs. In the first practice, I landed off the triple and my front end washed out on me. In the second practice, I jumped down the hill and hit my brakes and the pedal went to the ground - I had no brakes - and I went into this big jump with just way too much speed and went down hard. They were a couple of big, huge, dumb, stupid crashes that don't feel too good. I'm really sore just about everywhere right now. I buckled hard in practice in Atlanta and rode good there, so we'll see what happens." Button had to go to a semi to qualify, which he won quite easily, and he finished eighth in the main.

Tony Lorusso, who recently lost his F&S Suzuki sponsorship over a contract dispute, hasn't really missed a beat since being acquired by the Primal Impulse/Bill's Pipes/Suzuki 125cc team. "I really didn't take anybody's place," Lorusso said. "Right now I've got a support deal, I'm on the team, but I don't have my own van or anything like that - I'm still driving, but everything is working pretty good. I'm on the same bikes but with different motor work (Bill's Pipes). The suspension is still Factory Connection. The bikes are working really good and I'm happy with them and happy to be on the team. Everyone's really nice and they all help me out as much as they can. I think it's a good step for me." The rider from East Hartford, Connecticut, took the fourth and final transfer spot from the LCQ and finished eighth in the main.

Rumors ran rampant in Pontiac that some Hollywood bigwigs have been scouting out Supercross venues in order to film a **supercross-related adventure-type movie**, but there has been no official word yet. The 1996 movie "Fled" featured footage shot at the 1995 Atlanta Supercross.

Team Noleen/Thor/K2's **Tim Ferry** was in attendance in Pontiac, but not as rider just yet. "I was up here visiting Dr. Schaffer, the guy who did LaRocco's knee," Ferry explained. "I came up here Thursday for a checkup after he did my ACL and fixed some cartilage damage about four weeks ago after I injured it at Indy and then Tampa. I decided to stay for the race and watch it. It's actually not that bad watching, because I know I can't ride. But if I knew I could be out there riding, I'd be bummed. Nothing's for sure, but I'm hoping to be on the bike in about three to four weeks, which will put me at the two-month mark. I've been doing therapy like six days a week and riding a stationary bicycle. I'm not sure if I'm going to make it out for the first national (Glen Helen, May 9). It's still up in the air; I don't want to come back too soon. I know by about the fourth race I should be a hundred percent." Ferry also confirmed that he would be riding a 125cc outdoors, adding to an already-stacked deck of fierce 125cc title combatants this year.

Team Honda's **Steve Lamson** confirmed that he will also be riding a 125 when the National Motocross Series kicks off. The two-time 125cc National Champion is rearing to get out there after his dismal 250cc Supercross season thus far. "We've done a lot of testing already with our 125 and we're way ahead. I heard Ricky (Carmichael) say in an interview that he thought his main competition would be Dowd this year, but I don't think he knew I was riding the class, but it still has me fired up. Ricky is really cool and we've been hanging out a little bit because he is friends with Yogi (Ezra Lusk). I know he's got respect for me and I've got a lot of respect for him - he rides with a lot of confidence. The 125 class is going to be good with Button, Dowd, Ricky and myself out there."

While it has been known for some time that Chaparral/Yamaha's **Jimmy Button** would be riding the 125cc class outdoors, many have been wondering how the lanky speedster will do on a 125. "I've had a really good week this week testing my 125, and I'm looking forward to that series. I think I have a real good chance to win the championship after riding that thing this week. The bike is *un-believable*. It is really, really fast. It's all Kel's (Carruthers) work. It is crazy, crazy fast. We haven't done much suspension testing yet, but Ross (Maeda of Enzo suspension) gave me a setup to ride with to get the motor testing done. Things are coming along and I think we have six days of testing coming up before Glen Helen already scheduled. I think that when that gate drops for the first moto, the Chaparral bike is going to be up front, that's for sure. I honestly think it's going to come down to myself, Carmichael, J.D. (Dowd) and Lammy going for the title. Some other guys will get up there, like Sheak and Ferry, but I think, consistently, it will be the four of us going at it. R.C. is riding with a lot of confidence right now and that's going to give him a little added bonus, but you just never know how hard that number-one plate is going to be to carry around."

One of the weirdest handlebar/lever setups in the entire series (and country, for that matter) has got to be awarded to 125cc Team Green rider **Shae Bentley**. The Ellenwood, Georgia, resident, who got the holeshot and led the New Orleans and Indy Supercrosses, currently rotates his handlebars so far forward in the clamps (way further than even Damon Bradshaw could ever dream) that it lays down on the number plate. Adding to the weirdness is the fact that the clutch lever is then set and fully tightened at about a 45-degree angle *above* the left grip. "He tore up his left shoulder before Loretta's last year," reported mechanic Todd Dunn, "so he had to wear a brace that wouldn't let his shoulder rotate upward, so he tried this setup. His shoulder's fine now, but we've tried to lower it (the lever) and he gets arm pump. But it's slowly coming down - you should see how high the lever was just a few weeks ago. It's slowly coming down, just like we want the bars to eventually come back because he has trouble getting back on the bike in the whoops because of it." Bentley, who was riding under the Team Kawasaki of Mexico/Thor/Tecate colors in Pontiac, took second in his heat to Robbie Reynard after leading and finished sixth in the main event.

The revolving door at the **Kawasaki of Mexico/Thor/Tecate Team** keeps on spinning, mostly due to injuries. Canadian hero Jean-Sebastien Roy, who has been filling in for the injured Pedro Gonzalez, was joined by Bentley (on a 125) and **Jeff Matiasevich**, who is now filling in for the injured Phil Lawrence. Erick Vallejo is the only original team member currently racing. "Chicken (Matiasevich) will be riding Phil's bike for the last four races and Pedro (Gonzalez) should be back for Charlotte," explained team manager Paul Lindsey. "If he does return, Roy will return to his privateer team."

On Thursday evening, nearly 2000 amateur racers and their families walked the track in preparation for Sunday's **Pontiac Amateur Supercross**, the only amateur supercross still run. Unbeknownst to them, the track-walking horde did the Dirt-Wurx crew a favor. "Yeah, didn't hurt us a bit," said track builder Rich Winkler. "It helped with the compaction of the dirt." Historically, Pontiac's dirt has been some of the softest on the circuit. In order to combat this, Dirt Wurx mixed in nearly 12 tons of hot lime into the soil before it was formed into the track. "We mixed it in bulk, instead of just putting it (the lime) on the faces of the jumps," Winkler said. "During the morning track walk, some of the series' top riders were impressed with the conditions. "I've always ridden here when you had to almost roll everything," said Team Kawasaki's **Damon Huffman**. "Oh, yeah - the track is hard-packed and a lot tackier than usual," said teammate **Ryan Hughes**. The track was a little rocky and seemed to have some chunks of metal in it, according to *CN* photographer Kinney Jones, who found a door handle out on the track. This also became evident as sparks sporadically flew off the bottom of Ezra Lusk's aluminum-framed CR250 on his way to the victory.

In other not-so-good news, **Damon Huffman** suffered a **broken right femur** after crashing hard on a jump while battling up front early in his heat race. The two-time 125cc Western Regional Supercross Champion fell hard on the landing from the finish-line jump and was taken off the floor in a stretcher after the race was finished. Huffman will have a large rod inserted in his femur and it is expected that he will miss the entire 1998 National Motocross season.

When 6-foot-6, 240-pound Detroit Lions NFL Pro-Bowl quarterback **Scott Mitchell** says, "Man, that had to hurt," you know it hurt. Mitchell was referring to a crash that he saw Michigan's own **Nick Wey** take during a practice session on press day. The Team Pro Circuit/SplitFire/Kawasaki rider cased a triple jump, wrenching his wrists and tweaking his back in the mishap. X-rays taken on Friday came back negative and the 17-year-old raced to second in his heat race behind teammate Ricky Carmichael. In the main, Wey pulled off after a few laps.

After a couple of days of testing and training next week, Team Chaparral/Yamaha will become Team Hawaii as teammates **Jeremy McGrath** and **Jimmy Button** will be jetting off to the tropical islands for some much-needed R&R before returning for Charlotte in two weeks.

The **Pontiac Silverdome** was one of the very first stadiums to hold a supercross event, back in 1976. In fact, only the Houston Astrodome has a longer history of supercross (1974). The Silverdome, though, has hosted the most supercrosses of any venue with 37, which is due to the fact that they used to hold races on two consecutive nights in Pontiac until that practice was abolished in 1993. And who is the all-time winningest rider in the Silverdome? **Bob Hannah** holds that title with nine wins, including a run of six consecutive wins from 1977 to 1979.

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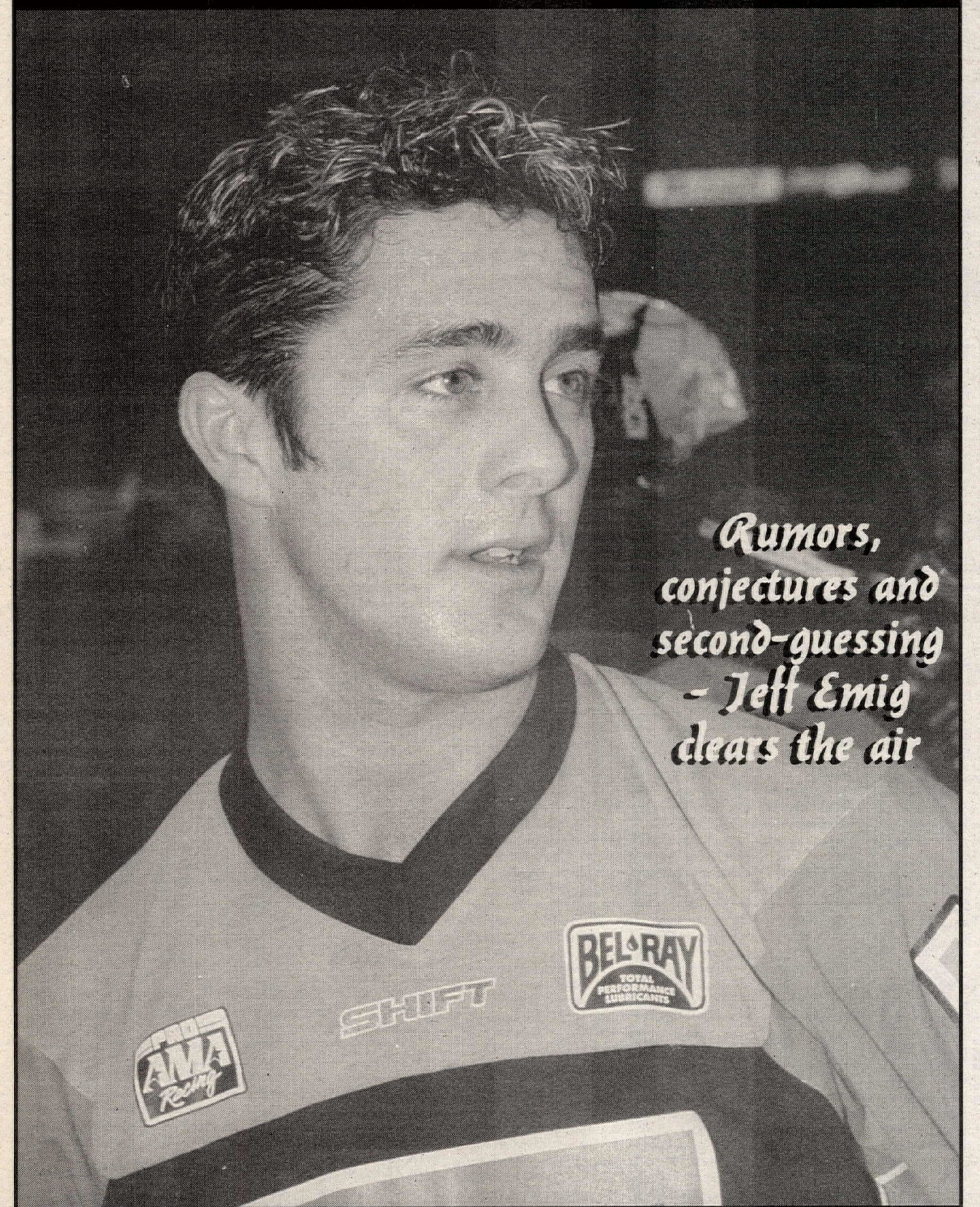

Rumors, conjectures and second-guessing - Jeff Emig clears the air

By Eric Johnson
Photos by Kinney Jones

After his solid second-place finish at the AMA Supercross Series opener at the Los Angeles Coliseum, many believed that defending series champion Jeff Emig was on the fast track toward title number two. Lightning-quick and supremely confident after defeating stadium legend Jeremy McGrath in 1997, Emig dived headfirst into the new season with a solid, resourceful, championship-proven team at his behest. With longtime mechanic Jeremy Albrecht twirling the spanners and teammates Damon Huffman and Ryan Hughes supporting him as tail-gunners, it was all systems go.

Or so it seemed.

After relatively consistent finishes at rounds two and three in Houston and Tempe, Emig experienced a dismal outing in Seattle's Kingdome, in which he started well but faded back to a bitterly disappointing 14th-place finish. It was there that the well-documented downward spiral in his results began, thus setting off a whirlwind of conjecture and second-guessing. And like a number of empty candy-bar wrappers and spent newspaper pages swirling around in a windstorm, one rumor after another regarding Emig swept over the supercross circuit.

Whether they pointed to motorcycle troubles, relationship struggles with his longtime girlfriend, outside-the-sport business interests, or the dreaded drug-and-alcohol accusations, one rumor after another surfaced regarding Emig's sudden slide down the results column.

In an effort to set the record straight, and to let Emig speak his piece - and put to rest a number of asinine rumors - we contacted "Fro" at his home in Riverside, California. There to heal up from a serious back injury, Emig was positive about returning to the circuit but very troubled about the rumors and finger-pointing that has taken place in recent months.

You haven't raced the past three supercross events in Minneapolis, St. Louis and Pontiac. What have you been doing?

I just went back to St. Louis and did a bunch of public-relations work, radio and TV interviews for the promoters. I'm from Missouri and felt like the event needed the champion there. While I was there, I met a kid named Josh Wheeler who is recovering from a cancer tumor he had in the back of his head. He used to race and wanted to meet me, so one of the dealers set it up through Kawasaki. We went to a St. Louis Blues hockey game and hung out together. It was real nice.

There has been a lot of speculation and conjecture as to why you've been off the circuit in recent weeks. What has really been going on?

I know a lot of people have been talking. The reason I have been out is that I have severely strained ligaments in my back. My doctors believe it happened from a crash I had at the Osaka Supercross back in November. It's really flared up now. The only way it can heal up is if I stay inactive and don't do anything that can aggravate it. The only way it's going to get better is by the special treatment I have been receiving. Through the treatment, the doctor has to put needles into my back and inject glucose and sugar in order to bring blood to the area to help the healing process.

When are you going to be able to come back to racing?

I'd like to ride Charlotte and Dallas,

(Opposite page) Jeff Emig's downward spiral has conjured up many seemingly far-fetched rumors about the defending supercross champion. (Leftt) Emig rode well at the Daytona Supercross, where he finished second and showed signs of breaking out of his slump. But the slump returned the following week at New Orleans. (Right) A back injury has been slowing Emig's progress.

which is going to be on national television; if not those races, then the Glen Helen National, for sure. I'm really bummed out today because I went for a run on Sunday morning and it really aggravated my back. I'm really disappointed because now it may take even longer to heal.

Your situation appears to be very frustrating. Are you trying to keep your chin up?

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Yes, but now I have to deal with all of these rumors that have been going around.

What rumors are you referring to?

There have been rumors flying all over the Internet that I'm addicted to cocaine, and that I missed the St. Louis race because I was in a drug-rehabilitation clinic. I don't know how this shit can happen. I mean, the same thing - rumors - happened with McGrath last year when he wasn't doing so well. That really hurt him. I mean, some of these people doing this really know how to kick a man when he's down. The rumors really bum me out. I've heard rumors ranging from that I've been fired from Kawasaki to I was in jail in New York for possession of cocaine. Where does this stuff come from? All this is really tough right now. The year's been bad, and now that I have a break, I can't even relax because of all these problems with my back and these rumors. I just want to get back to racing.

While they are obviously wrong, it appears that a number of enthusiasts are making up their own stories as to why you have been struggling. What do you attribute your inconsistent year to?

I don't know. I think the big mistake was that I didn't have a goal set at the beginning of the year. I was still riding the wave from last year. When the season started, there were new people with new bikes, and everybody was starting off at their best. Right now, however, it's only Lusk, McGrath and Windham who are doing anything. Everyone else is just going along now, and the season is lost for them. As far as the inconsistent results - I don't know. My vision at night has been hurting me. I'll go outside and look at a light, or an object, and it will take me a while to focus on it. At the end of the year, I'm going to look into having some surgery done to correct the problem.

Has the fact that people keep coming at you and asking about your problems and struggles this year affected you?

Yes. Now everyone doubts you, and no one is picking you to win. The fans in motocross, no matter how good they are, don't give all the riders enough credit. It seems like most of them just root for the guy who wins. I look at someone like John Dowd - he's one of the greatest riders I've ever raced against. I watch how he rides and how good his attitude is, and he is the greatest person, but he gets no respect or applause from the fans for his talents. That's not right.

A number of supercross fans seem much more fair-weather fans than outdoor motocross enthusiasts.

That's a perfect word for it: "fair-weather." I guess that's understandable, because we created it. A lot of people see a 1-800-COLLECT spot with McGrath on MTV and they look to him and supercross. We built this (supercross). A few of the fans are fair-weather in that when you win, you are the greatest, and when you don't, you're a cocaine addict. Shit, that's not fair. I mean, I like to have fun sometimes, and I certainly enjoyed myself a lot last year - I could do no wrong last year. Now, some things go wrong and everyone points the finger at me. It really bothers me that I can't do anything about my back - nothing. I wasn't brought up that way, and I'm so eager to get back to racing again.

You did very well at Daytona, which has always been considered more of a national than a supercross. With your strong performance there, are you looking forward to the national season starting up?

Yes, but I don't want to put too much pressure on myself. I'm very confident in myself and my abilities, and I know I'm a very good outdoor rider. But look at John Force (multi-time NHRA Drag Racing Funny Car National Champion): For the past six or seven years, he couldn't be beat, and now he hasn't won a race yet this year. You can never tell in racing.

There have been rumblings that the factory Kawasakis aren't as competitive this year. What's your take on that?

I was watching the New Orleans Supercross on TV the other day, and I watched my crash in the whoops. When it happened, the commentators claimed that there had been talk that the Kawasakis weren't working that well and that's why I crashed. That's not true. We have a great bike, and Kawasaki is the best production bike made. Ryno (Ryan Hughes), Damon (Huffman), Phil (Lawrence) and myself are not doing the bike justice. Kawasaki knows how to build great bikes. In fact, my bike is the best 250 I've ever ridden. One thing that is true in this sport is that what wins on Sunday sells on Monday. What's going on with me has nothing to do with the bike, and that bums me out.

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Why has the team been doing so poorly in the results column this season?

I don't know. I can't speak for Damon or Ryan; they have their own problems. When the chemistry is there, like it was last year, it's bitchin'. However, when it's not, like this year, it hurts. Bruce (Stjernstrom, the team manager) gets faxes from Japan asking what's up with us, and that has to be tough. I know that things won't be the same at Kawasaki next year, and even I don't know if I'll have a contract or not. Damon, Ryan and I have been together for three years, and in motocross, that's a long time to be on the same team. The other evening, the three of us went to dinner ourselves and sat at the same table. While we were there, we wondered what table the three of us would be sitting at next year.

With your supercross season now in a shambles, what are your goals for the rest of the year?

If I can make it back for the remaining supercross races, I want to win a supercross. I also want to win a national motocross.

Would you like to ride on the American Motocross des Nations team in the fall?

Well, that's a long way away, but if I can peak again, I would love to. I am always real honest with myself about the des Nations, and if you are not riding your fastest, you shouldn't go.

How do you answer to the American motocross fans - those who have stayed with you through the ups and downs this year, and those who may have abandoned you?

I understand that the fans want to see the riders perform well and put on a good show. I hope I can put on a better show in the future. When I see videotape of myself racing, it doesn't look like I'm having fun. The strange thing is that this year, when it comes to the autograph signings or dealer visits, I've had the most fun of my career. However, when I get on the bike, I don't feel good. I need to be more creative and to have more fun on the bike. No matter what, I'm going to remain positive. It's been one bad year, but I've got five good years left in me.

Have you and your mechanic, Jeremy Albrecht, maintained your strong relationship through all this?

Yeah, it's real good. We are both staying positive. He knows I have to work though all this, and when I give him the signal that I'm back and ready to go, we'll both know it. He's been frustrated - I mean, it has to be hard for him to put out the pit board that says, "Need two spots to qualify."

How do you feel about Jeremy McGrath's return to form in 1998?

He's done a great job. Now that we are past the midway point in the season, a lot of the riders have backed off. Jeremy has an aura around him that declares, "I'm going to win and you guys can't do anything about it." I'm like that in motocross.

What are you up to today?

Well, I'm sitting here with Phil Lawrence and we're both injured and can't do anything. We can't ride, run, mountain-bike or snowboard, so our goal today is to buy a Stairmaster (laughter). We'll go spend some money and do something low-impact (laughter). CN

Kickin' the tires & lightin' the fires

By Matt Polito

COMMERCE, GA, MAR. 27-29

AMA/Prostar motorcycle drag racing kicked off its 1998 season with the Nalley Superdrags presented by Drag Specialties at Atlanta Dragway in Commerce, Georgia.

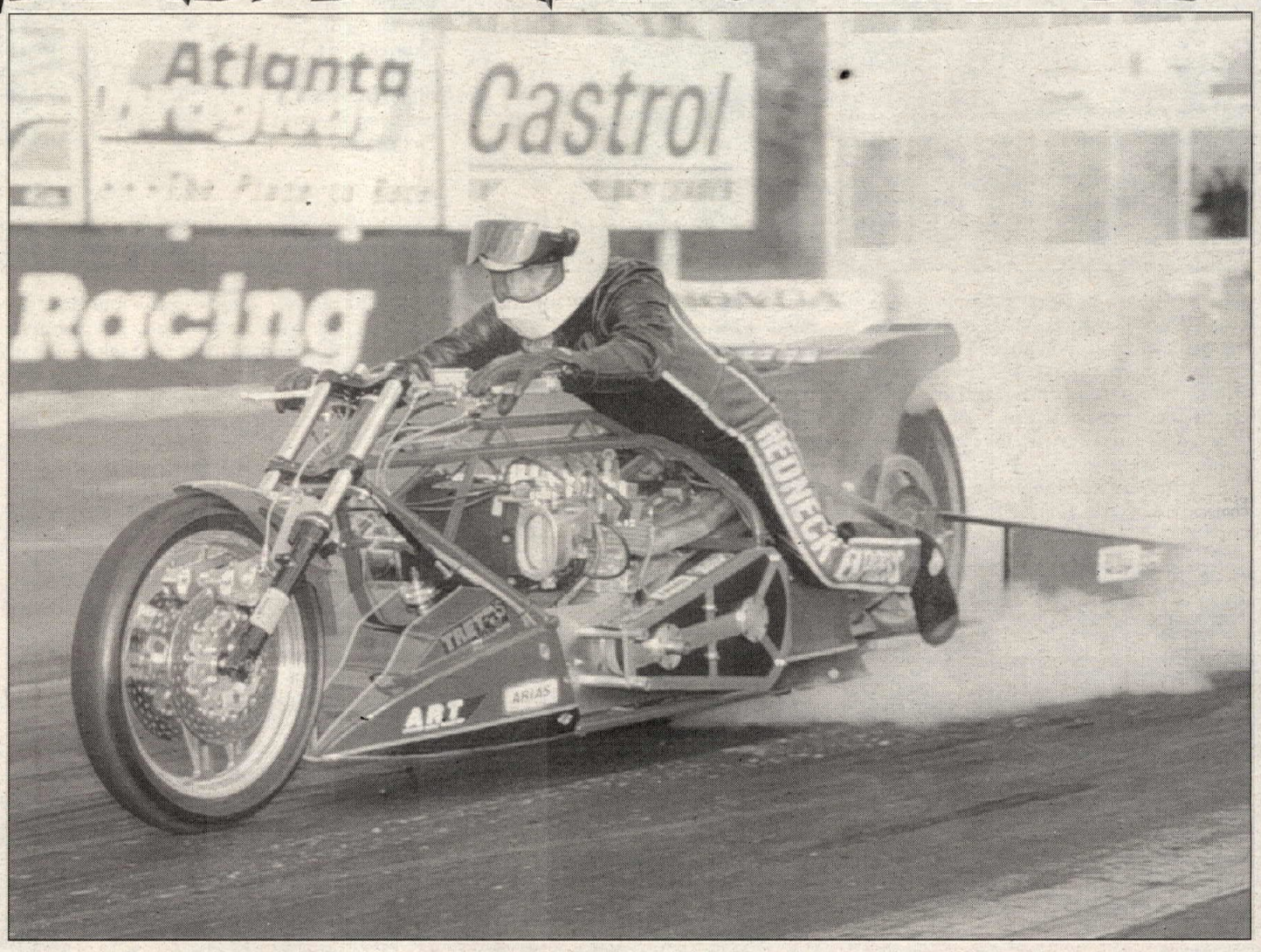
The event marked the first foray of event-promotion powerhouse PACE Motor Sports into the straight-line sport. An equally compelling attendee was Rob Muzzy, who was on hand to oversee Muzzy's Kawasaki rider Rickey Gadson compete in the 750cc Pro Superbike and 600cc SuperSport class. Muzzy noted that the last drag race he attended in which he had a bike entered was in 1962.

Three-time champion Tony Lang set the pace in Top Fuel qualifying, taking the number-one spot with a time of 6.461 seconds at 226 mph, but he suffered a rare red-light foul in the first round of eliminations, marking his first loss since 1996. The final saw veteran Chris Hand take his first-ever win with a 6.96/201, as his opponent Larry McBride overpowered the track and smoked the tire to a 8.57/151.

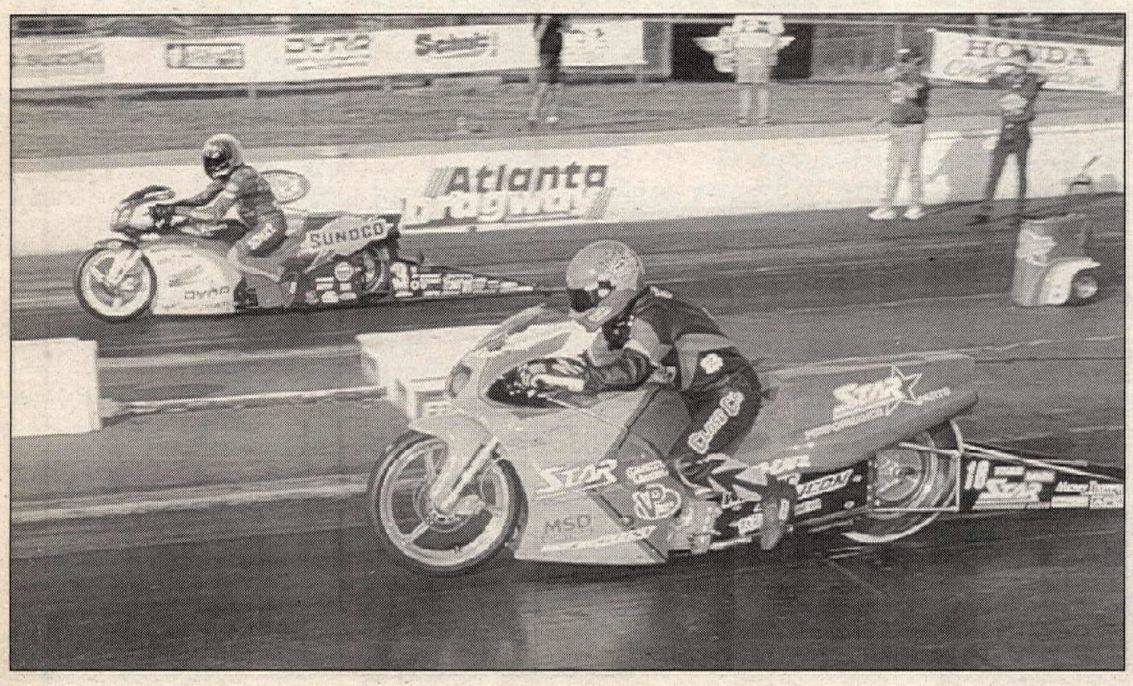
Defending Funnybike champion Gary Clark stunned the competition with his first qualifying lap of the weekend. Off the trailer, Clark recorded a 6.649/192 on his Koenig Kawasaki - the quickest Funnybike time in history - to lead the pack by almost three-tenths of a second. In a rematch of last year's final, Clark got by the MRE Suzuki of Tom Perry, 6.828/191 to Perry's game 6.911/195.

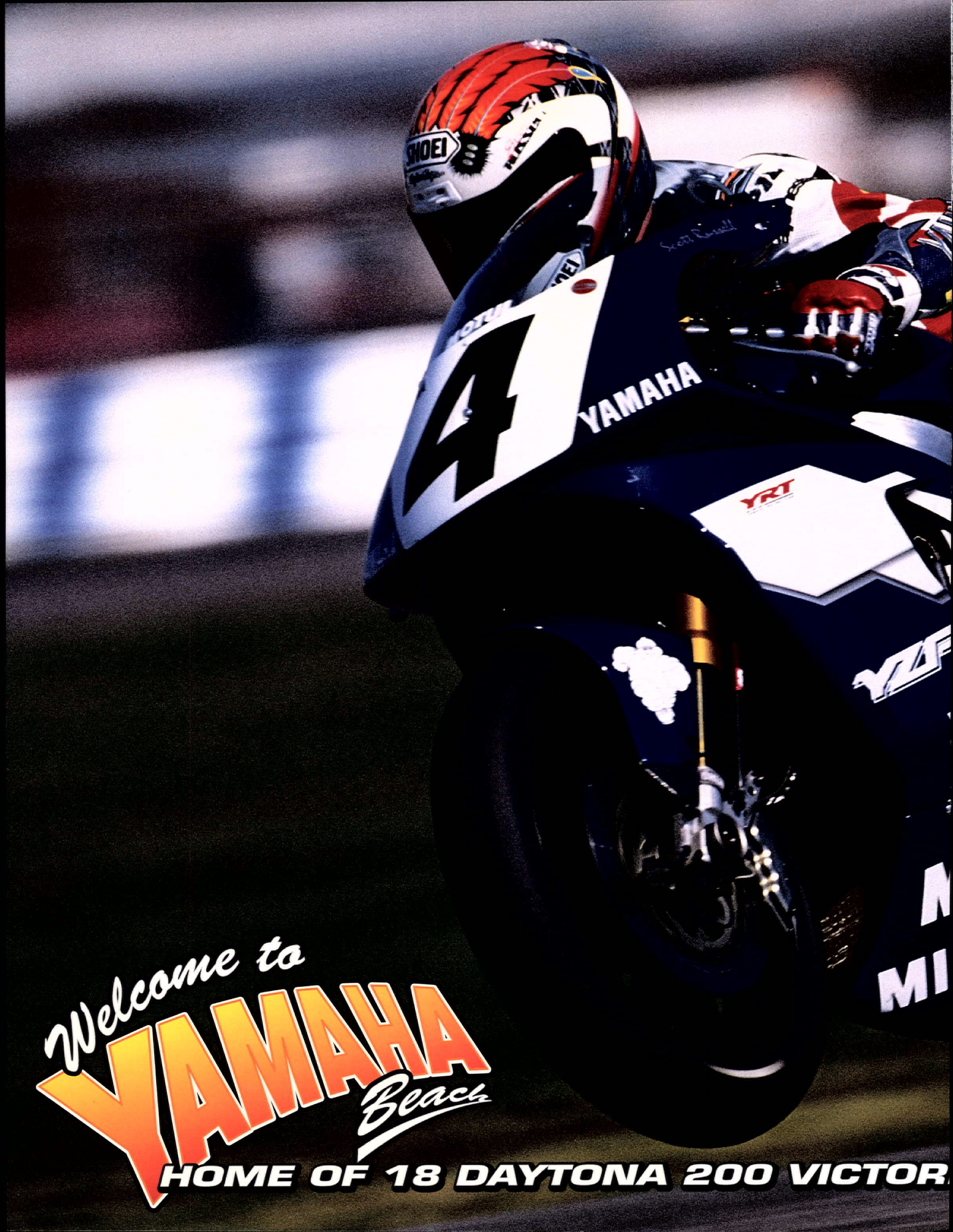
The Fast by Gast Pro Modified series saw the quickest field in history, with the bump spot of 7.259 seconds being recorded by Fred Hall. Tony Sabino, riding the Franco's Performance Suzuki, held the number-one spot at 6.924 seconds, and Nathan Murray became the sixth member of the Fast by Gast Six-Second Club, recording a 6.964 to qualify third.

Sabino went out in the first round when his bike stalled just as he staged, leaving the door open for number-two



(Above) Veteran Top Fuel rider Chris Hand scored his first-ever AMA/Prostar event win after runner-up Larry McBride hazed the tires during the Nalley Superdrags at Atlanta Dragway.
(Below left) John Myers (near lane) scored the Pro Stock win after Dave Schultz (far lane) red-lighted. The victory was Myers' first in AMA/Prostar competition since October 1996.
(Below right) Veteran road race and dirt track tuner Rob Muzzy (far right) was on hand as his rider, Rickey Gadson (center), scored the win in the 750cc Pro Superbike class.

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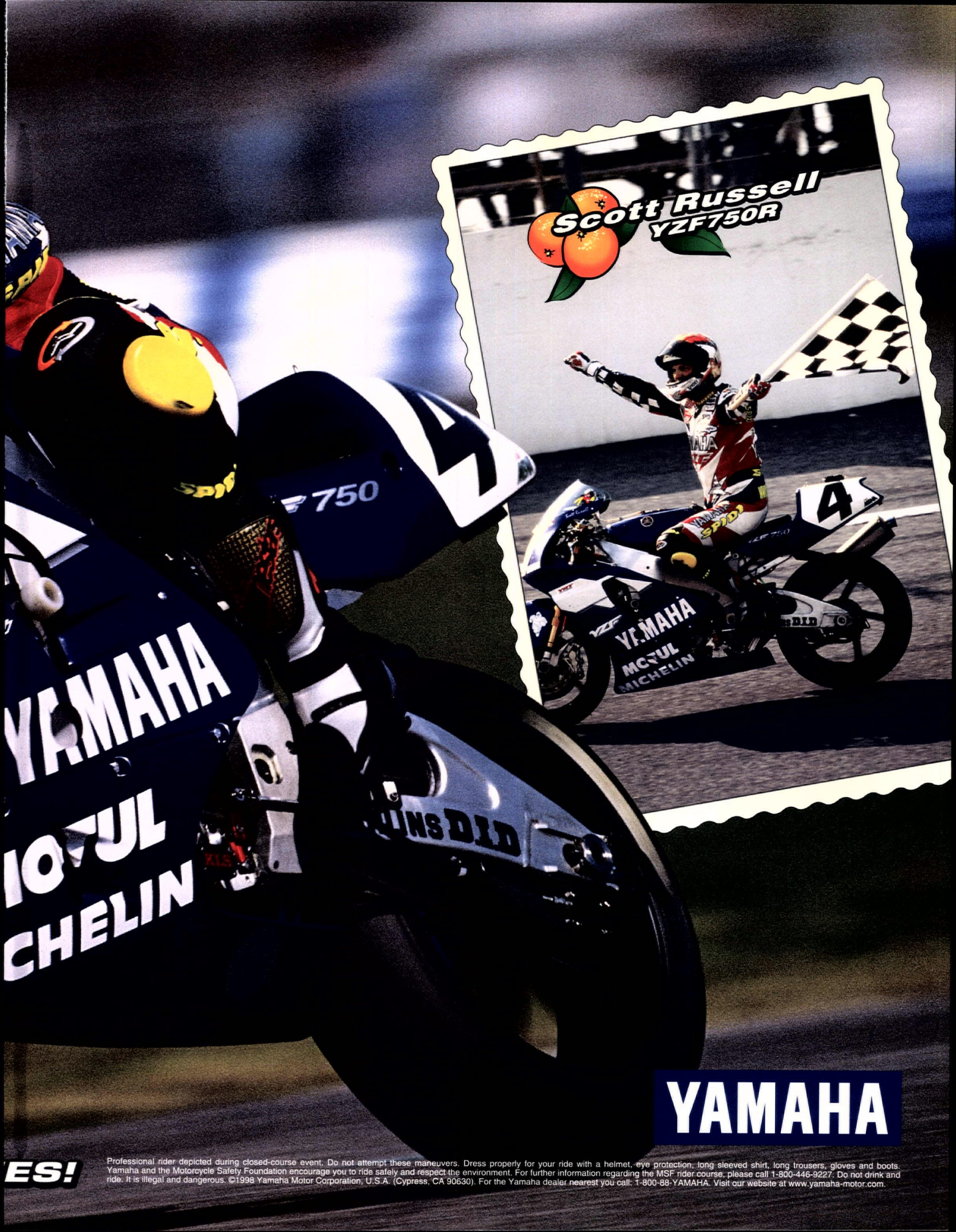

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qualifier Rick Bunting, who was running an engine borrowed from the Franco camp. Bunting left little room for the competition, running all sixes in eliminations, including a 6.938/201 to take the event win against first-time finalist Ray Schemer, who turned in a 7.183.

Star Performance Parts rider Angelle Seeling held the pole in the Lectron Pro Stock Series with a 7.353 but lost to teammate John Myers with a red light in the semifinals. The other semi was as close as they come, with both Dave Schultz and Paul Gast running identical 7.400 e.t.'s, Schultz's near-perfect .402 reaction time making the difference. Schultz red-lighted in the final, giving the win to Myers, who put down his best lap of the event at 7.406.

Rickey Gadson was the clear favorite in the 750cc Pro Superbike class, resetting the class e.t. record to a 9.407 to lead the field by nearly half a second. Brian Lambert brought his Yamaha to the final for the second time in three races, but he pushed the tree red as Gadson took the win with a 9.51 charge.

While Gadson held a large performance edge in the 750cc class, he could only produce a 10.646 in the Kerker 600cc SuperSport class, which placed him 10th in the qualifying order. The SuperSport field was led by 1995 champion Keith Dennis, who hit a 10.292 at a new record 135.14 mph on Joe Marasco's MSP Kawasaki.

Dennis cruised to the final while Gadson proved his mettle by advancing past quicker qualified riders. After nearly identical reaction times in the final, Dennis pulled away and raised his fist midtrack, taking an easy win, 10.380 to Gadson's 10.603.

Other sportsman action saw both first-time winners and previous champions making their way to the winner's circle. Reigning Super Gas Champion Doug Emge took the win in the Pingel Pro ET series, getting by Jim Carroll, who was looking for his third straight win. Former two-time champion Bruce Sauer scored the RC Components Super Gas crown with a final-round victory over C&B teammate Rob Schenz.

Both Scott Hall and Ron Tornow scored first-ever wins, with Hall taking out Steve Gordon in the Star Performance Parts Top Gas Series and Tornow beating Rick Stillwell in the APE Super Comp Series. Ronnie Reece took home the Street ET trophy with a win over David Young.

Atlanta saw the debut of the new 1200cc Pro Street class designed for 1988-and-newer 1200cc OEM bikes. James Lauer came from the number-two qualifying position to take the first-ever title for the class. Lauer recorded the quickest elapsed time for the class, a 9.146 at 153 mph, in the final over Lee Shierts. CN

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Commerce, Georgia
Results: March 27-29, 1998 (Round 1 of 8)

T/F: 1. Chris Hand (MCU); 2. Larry McBride (Suz).
FUNNY/BK: 1. Gary Clark (Kaw); 2. Tom Perry (Suz).
PRO MOD: 1. Rick Bunting (Suz); 2. Ray Scheffer (Kaw).
PRO STK: 1. John Myers (Suz); 2. Dave Schultz (Suz).
PRO S/BK: 1. Rickey Gadson (Kaw); 2. Brian Lambert (Yam).
T/G: 1. Scott Wall (Suz); 2. Steve Gordon (Kaw).
S/COMP: 1. Ron Tornow (Kaw); 2. Rick Stillwell (Suz).
S/G: 1. Bruce Sauer (Kaw); 2. Rob Schenz (Kaw).
600 S/SPT: 1. Keith Dennis (Kaw); 2. Rickey Gadson (Kaw).
1200 PRO ST: 1. James Lauer (Suz); 2. Lee Shierts (Suz).
PRO ET: 1. Doug Emge (Suz); 2. Jim Carroll (Kaw).
ST ET: 1. Ronnie Reece (Yam); 2. David Young (Suz).

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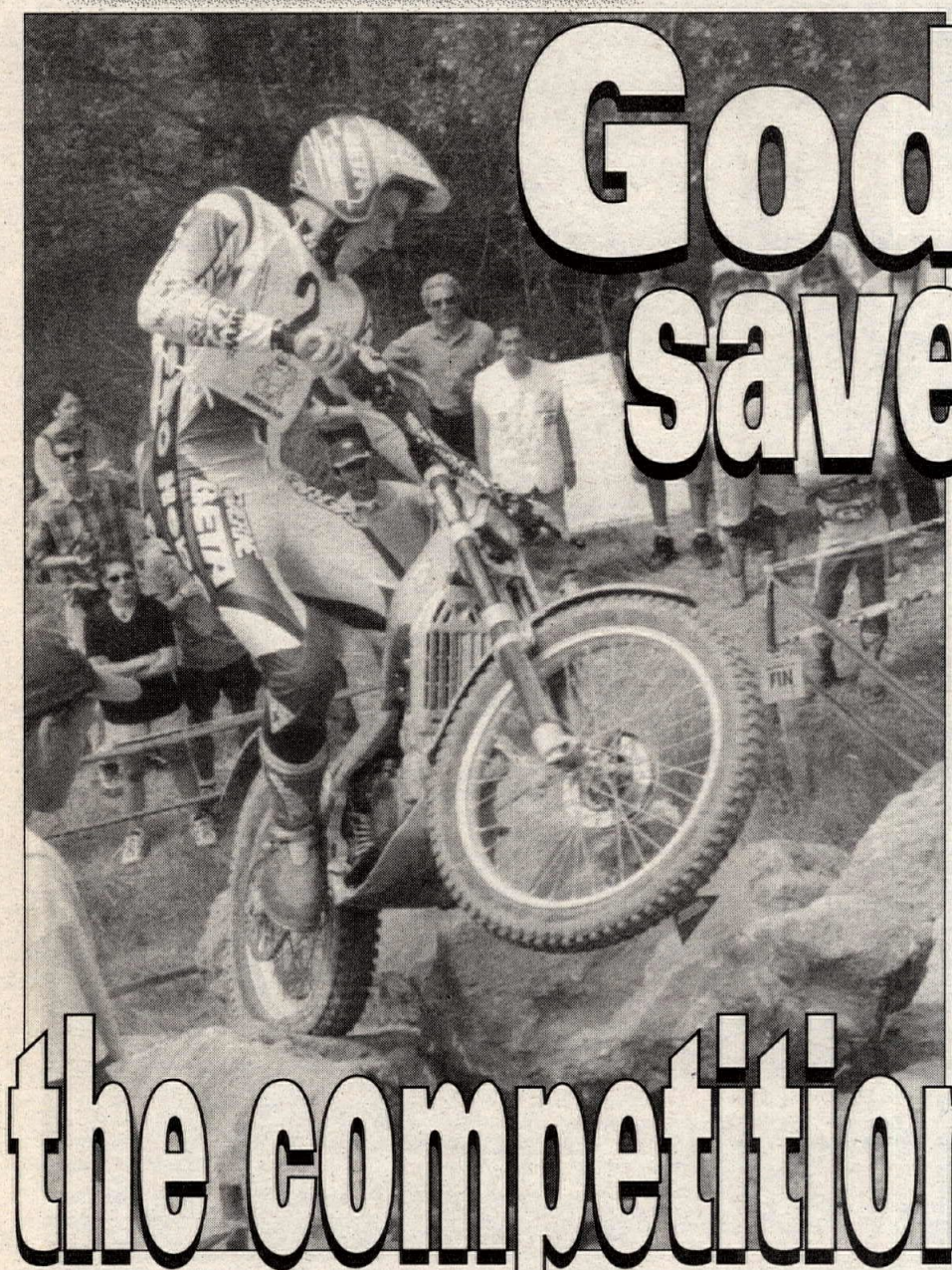


Doug Lampkin continues to top the world trials scene. After a winter-long domination of the Indoor Trials World Championship, Lampkin won both days at the opening round of the outdoor series.

By John Dickinson
File photos by John Dickinson

SILLEDA, SPAIN, MAR. 28-29

It may be a new season, but it's already shaping up to look a lot like the last one as Doug Lampkin proved exactly why he is the undisputed world number one. The British trials wizard, hot off his total domination of the winter indoor championship, rode his factory Beta Techno to a stunning double win in the opening round of the 1998 World Championship Observed Trials.

Not only was the Spanish trial the first real test of the controversial FIM observing rules, which effectively heralds a return to the no-stop style of riding, but each round is now comprised of two full loops of sections each day. In previous years, the first day of each two-day event has consisted of only a single loop.

Despite the unknowns, what happened was pretty much what everyone predicted: Regardless of the rules, the results stay exactly the same. There were few surprises and, in the main, virtually everyone's results were virtually identical to the world ranking from last season. The good news - especially for the top riders - was that the section checkers did their jobs to the letter and penalized the riders the mandatory one mark if the motorcycle stopped moving in the section. There had been worries that perhaps the checkers would ignore the new rule.

On Saturday the 15 sections were bathed in glorious sunshine and the course was praised by all the riders. The sections were tough but there was a good variety of terrain, ranging from deep rivers to slippery banks and big rocks.

Consistency was the word for Lampkin on the opening day. He was actually headed - by just two marks - by Amos Bilbao on the first circuit and Marc Colomer on the second, but Lampkin's two loops of 27 and 22 helped him to an eight-mark advantage overall ahead of Colomer. Bilbao was obviously enjoying the new format and was riding well above his number-11 ranking.

But Lampkin was well ahead in the cleans department. From the 30 sections he clocked up 14 zereos, with Colomer next on 11, followed by fifth-placed David Cobos on 10.

"I was always going for cleans," Lampkin said. "I'm not interested in safety. If you get off-line, stopping isn't an option for me. I open it up and either get it back or crash!"

Showing good form on the opening day was Spaniard Marcel Justribo, who is part of the Jordi Tarres team with Steve Colley. Justribo had an excellent result in fourth. Colley had a very average day in ninth.

"My timing was all wrong today," Colley said.

As a result, Colley was beaten by Graham Jarvis.

Kenichi Kuroyama and Takahisa Fujinami, neither happy with the new observing rules, actually did a steady job in their first competitive outings in Europe this year to finish sixth and eighth, respectively.

But while Saturday proved a steady enough opener, the second day was to prove a real test as bad weather rolled in, with incessant rain making the sections much more slippery and tricky.

Lampkin launched in with the lap of the weekend, laughing at the conditions. His opening-loop score of 16 compared to the second-best - Colomer's 32 - pretty much rendered it over, bar the shouting.

Said a delighted Lampkin at the finish: "Yes, that was the sort of lap I was looking for. I don't think any of us rode well on the first day and I wanted to move up a gear. There were some very tricky sections and I can look back on some good rides."

He started with a two on the opening slippery climb that took most for fives on at least one lap, including Fujinami and Kuroyama. Colley even dropped a pair of maximums. But Colley struck back on the second section with a pair of cleans, and Colomer and Fujigas - the latter making a real charge on the day - both remained feet-up all day on the third. Both these sections were reminiscent of the Scottish Six Days Trial, with steep, climbing rocky streams.

Section five was one of the harder subs and even Lampkin, able only to manage laps of two and three, never really mastered it. It certainly brought the Fujinami charge to a halt, as he floundered on each lap on one of several awkward rocks set in the slippery banking.

Three sections all set in a wide, fast-flowing river were next, and it was here that Lampkin made his break with three straight cleans on the opening loop. And he continued his lean streak with two more cleans, a dab and then another clean to bring him to the 13th section on just eight marks lost.

It was certainly unlucky 13 for Lampkin (and virtually everyone else) as the massive climb saw him clock up disappointing fives on both his visits.

The star here was slightly built Kenichi Kuroyama from Japan. Using his lightweight advantage, Kuroyama wound up his factory Beta back to the stop in fourth gear and just blitzed the hill on both laps. This 10-mark saving boosted him right up through the ranks to an eventual fifth-place finish.

Lampkin was back on cam on the following twisting climb, though, and his two cleans proved to be the best of the day. But the World Champion was scathing about the last section of the course, which was a man-made affair comprised of logs.

"This type of section has no place in world trials under the new rules," Lampkin said. "The rules plainly state that this type of section is not allowed and the FIM said they were going to stick with the rule. Why are they breaking their own rules? It made no difference to me, winning the trial - it just shouldn't have been in."

Whatever the conditions, the result was cut and dried. Lampkin won with ease over Fujinami, but there was a massive difference in clean rides once again. Lampkin weighed in with 15, Fujigas claimed 10, but third-placed Colomer could only muster a mere six.

Cobos again had a steady ride for fourth, ahead of Kuroyama, with Colley, Bilbao and Jarvis scrapping it out behind.

The lower order was packed with young Spanish riders, including Jordi Pacquet, Sergio Leon and Albert Cabestany. Surprisingly, the season's sensation, Marc Freixas, who has beaten Colomer in a Spanish Championship round, failed to manage a top-15 finish on either day. CN

Spanish World Trial
Silleda, Spain
Results: March 28-29, 1998 (Round 1 of 10)

DAY 1: 1. Doug Lampkin (Bet); 2. Marc Colomer (Mon); 3. Amos Bilbao (G-G); 4. Marcel Justribo (G-G); 5. David Cobos (G-G); 6. Kenichi Kuroyama (Bet); 7. Graham Jarvis (Sco); 8. Takahisa Fujinami (Hon); 9. Steve Colley (G-G); 10. Diego Bosis (Mon); 11. Bruno Camozzi (G-G); 12. Albert Cabestany (Bet); 13. Joachim Hindren (G-G); 14. Joan Pons (G-G); 15. Jose-Manuel Alcaraz (Mon).

DAY 2: 1. Doug Lampkin (Bet); 2. Takahisa Fujinami (Hon); 3. Marc Colomer (Mon); 4. David Cobos (G-G); 5. Kenichi Kuroyama (Bet); 6. Steve Colley (G-G); 7. Amos Bilbao (G-G); 8. Graham Jarvis (Sco); 9. Diego Bosis (Mon); 10. Bruno Camozzi (G-G); 11. Marcel Justribo (G-G); 12. Jordi Pascuet (Mon); 13. Sergio Leon (Mon); 14. Joachim Hindren (G-G); 15. Albert Cabestany (Bet).

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP OBSERVED TRIALS SERIES POINT STANDINGS (After 1 of 10 rounds): 1. Doug Lampkin (40/2 wins); 2. Marc Colomer (32); 3. Takahisa Fujinami (25); 4. (TIE) Amos Bilbao/David Cobos/Kenichi Kuroyama (24); 7. Marcel Justribo (18); 8. (TIE) Steve Colley/Graham Jarvis (17); 10. Diego Bosis (13); 11. Bruno Camozzi (11); 12. Albert Cabestany/Joachim Hindren (5); 14. Jordi Pascuet (4); 15. Sergio Leon (3); 16. Joan Pons (2); 17. Jose Alcaraz (1).

Upcoming Rounds:
Round 2 - Hawkstone Park, England, April 18-19
Round 3 - San Marino, April 25-26

Briefly...

Graded World Championship riders from last season who won't be in action this year include **Jordi Tarres** (retired), **Donato Miglio** (retired from World Championship competition) and **Tommi Ahvala** (now riding in the United States). Tarres is now managing a team comprised of Steve Colley, Marcel Justribo and Marc Cattla and naturally he was present in Spain. Miglio is Beta's development rider and will assist Lampkin this year while also riding in the Italian Championship.

Returning after a one-year hiatus from the World Championship (except for outings in Italy and San Marino last year) is Italian **Diego Bosis**. Veteran Bosis, a former runner-up in the World Championship, has returned with Montesa and managed 10th- and ninth-place finishes in Spain after playing the percentage game and going for safe threes rather than go-for-it cleans. Bosis was once one of the most spectacular riders on the circuit.

Amos Bilbao looks set to move back up the rankings from 11th as his style seems to suit the no-stop rule.

A new name from Japan has arrived to back up Kuroyama and Fujinami - 16-year-old **Taichi Tanaka**. A bicycle trials World Champion, Tanaka has been heralded as being potentially better than his countryman - but his slight build, cycling techniques and lack of experience showed in his Spanish debut.

The Spanish may have had to play second fiddle to rampant Brits **Doug Lampkin**, Colley and Jarvis last year, but they are striking back with a vengeance in 1998. **David Cobos** and **Marcel Justribo** look increasingly dangerous while there are also a host of Spanish teenagers buzzing around the lower reaches of the top 15. Britain, meanwhile, has no real up-and-comers at the moment. Only Martin Crosswaite joined Britain's big three and the European Championship contender failed to make any real headway in the trial.

Young Spanish ace **Jordi Pasquet** is one of 40 Spaniards who will be riding in the International Scottish Six Days Trial this year. The event is enjoying a real comeback, with a maximum of 270 spots available and many entries already returned. A favorite for the top spot in Fort William is last year's winner, Steve Colley, with Graham Jarvis looking for his first SSDT win.

Tommi Ahvala may be in United States, but his truck has been purchased for young Finn Mika Sassi, and Tommi's brother Jommi will be acting as Sassi's mechanic.

1998 Championship Point Standings

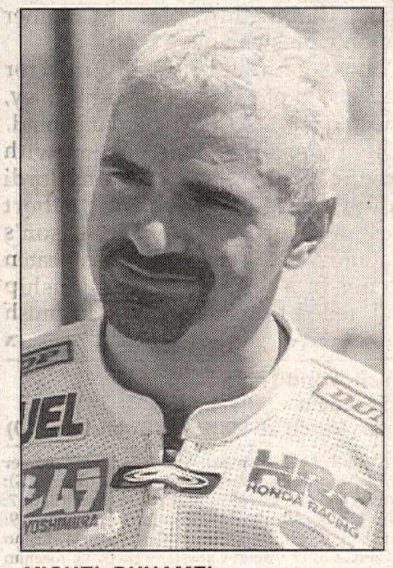
LEADERBOARD

ROAD RACING

AMA/MBNA SUPERBIKE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

(After 2 of 13 rounds):

1. Anthony Gobert (Duc), Australia (60/1 win)
   Mat Mladin (Suz), Australia (60)
3. Doug Chandler (Kaw), Salinas, CA (59)
4. Jamie Hacking (Yam), England (55)
5. Aaron Yates (Suz), Milledgeville, GA (54)
6. Ben Bostrom (Hon), Granada Hills, CA (48)
7. Thomas Stevens (Duc), Woodstock, GA (46)
8. Tom Kipp (Duc), Chardon, OH (41)
9. Scott Russell (Yam), Conyers, GA (38/1 win)
10. Thomas Wilson (H-D), Oregon, OH (34)



MIGUEL DUHAMEL

AMA/PRO HONDA OILS 600cc SUPERSPORT SERIES

(After 2 of 13 rounds):

1. Doug Chandler (Kaw), Salinas, CA (74/2 wins)
2. Steve Crevier (Suz), Canada (54)
   Miguel DuHamel (Hon), Canada (54)
   Eric Bostrom (Hon), Granada Hills, CA (54)
5. Jason Pridmore (Suz), Ventura, CA (53)
6. Nicky Hayden (Hon), Owensboro, KY (52)
7. Ben Bostrom (Hon), Granada Hills, CA (48)
8. Steve Rapp (Suz), Lafayette, CA (45)
9. Larry Pegram (Suz), Baltimore, OH (42)
10. Tripp Nobles III (Hon), Macon, GA (40)

AMA/TEAMLINE 750cc SUPERSPORT SERIES

(After 2 of 13 rounds):

1. Richard Alexander Jr. (Suz), Carmel, NY (66/1 win)
2. James Randolph (Suz), Santa Rosa, CA (57)
3. Mario DuHamel (Suz), Canada (53)
4. Jamie Bowman (Suz), Tequesta, FL (52)
   Steve Rapp (Suz), Lafayette, CA (52)
6. Chris Rankin (Kaw), Austin, TX (50)
7. Jimmy Moore (Suz), Eugene, OR (46)
8. Dale Keiffer (Suz), Las Vegas, NV (45)
9. Mike Sullivan (Suz), Centralia, WA (44)
10. John Jacobi (Suz), Bloomington, IN (43)

AMA/ELF FUELS 250cc GRAND PRIX CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

(After 2 of 14 rounds):

1. Chuck Sorenson (Yam), Discovery Bay, CA (66/1 win)
   Takahito Mori (Hon), Japan (66/1 win)
3. Roland Sands (Yam), Long Beach, CA (64)
4. Randy Renfrow (Hon), Fredericksburg, VA (54)
5. Rodney Fee (Hon), Canada (48)
6. Kurtis Roberts (Hon), Turlock, CA (46)
7. Bruce Lind (Yam), Snohomish, WA (31)
   Perry Melneciuc (Hon), Lehigh Acres, FL (31)
9. Mark Foster (Yam), San Juan Capistrano, CA (26)
   Jefferey Vos (Hon), Holland, MI (26)

AMA PROGRESSIVE INSURANCE PRO THUNDER SERIES

(After 2 of 13 rounds):

1. Shawn Higbee (Bue), Waterford, WI (70/1 win)
2. Paul Harrell (Tri), Canyon Country, CA (53)
3. Mike McClean (Duc), Corte Madera, CA (52)
   Michael Gage (Tri), Baldwin Place, NY (52)
5. Thomas Hull (Duc), Mesa, AZ (49)
6. Thomas Tucciarone (Duc), San Francisco, CA (47)
7. Mark Miller (Bue), Long Beach, CA (46)
   James Lickwar (Tri), San Francisco, CA (46)
9. Bill St. John (V-2), Cullman, AZ (44)
10. David Keefer (Bue), Laramie, WY (38)

AMA/PIRELLI FORMULA XTREME SERIES

(After 1 of 13 rounds):

1. Eric Bostrom (Hon), Granada Hills, CA (37/1 win)
2. Tripp Nobles III (Hon), Macon, GA (32)
3. Mark Miller (Yam), Long Beach, CA (29)
4. Tray Batey (Suz), Gallatin, TN (27)
5. Michael Taylor (Kaw), Canada (26)
6. Jack Pfeifer (Suz), Las Vegas, NV (25)
7. Paul Harrell (Suz), Canyon Country, CA (24)
8. Michael Smith (Suz), Canton, GA (23)
9. Mike Sullivan (Suz), Centralia, WA (22)
10. Cory Call (Suz), Sacramento, CA (21)

500cc WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

(After 1 of 15 rounds):

1. Max Biaggi (Hon), Italy (25/1 win)
2. Tadayuki Okada (Hon), Japan (20)
3. Noriyuki Haga (Yam), Japan (16)
4. Alex Criville (Hon), Spain (13)
5. Kyogi Nanba (Yam), Japan (11)
6. Nobuatsu Aoki (Suz), Japan (10)
7. Alex Barros (Hon), Spain (9)
8. Carlos Checa (Hon), Spain (8)
9. Simon Crafar (Yam), New Zealand (7)
10. Sete Gibernau (Hon), Spain (6)

250cc WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

(After 1 of 15 rounds):

1. Daijiro Katoh (Hon), Japan (25/1 win)
2. Shinya Nakano (Yam), Japan (20)
3. Naoki Matsudo (Yam), Japan (16)
4. Tetsuya Harada (Apr), Japan (13)
5. Olivier Jaque (Hon), France (11)
6. Yukio Kagayama (Suz), Japan (10)
7. Loris Capirossi (Apr), Italy (9)
8. Jose Luis Cardoso (Yam), Spain (8)
9. Noriyasu Numata (Suz), Japan (7)
10. Jeremy McWilliams (Hon), England (6)

125cc WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

(After 1 of 15 rounds):

1. Kazuto Sakata (Apr), Japan (25/1 win)
2. Tomomi Manako (Hon), Japan (20)
3. Masao Azuma (Hon), Japan (16)
4. Lucio Cecchinello (Yam), Japan (13)
5. Nobuyuki Osaki (Yam), Japan (11)
6. Gianluigi Scalvani (Hon), Italy (10)
7. Hiroyuki Kikuchi (Hon), Japan (9)
8. Masaki Tokudome (Apr), Japan (8)
9. Takashi Akita (Yam), Japan (7)
10. Marco Melandri (Hon), Italy (6)

WORLD SUPERBIKE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

(After 1 of 14 rounds):

1. Noriyuki Haga (Yam), Japan (41/1 win)
   Carl Fogarty (Duc), Britain (41/1 win)
3. Troy Corser (Duc), Australia (30)
4. Aaron Slight (Hon), New Zealand (27)
5. Akira Yanagawa (Kaw), Japan (22)
6. Colin Edwards II (Hon), Conroe, Texas (18)
7. Mark Willis (Suz), Australia (17)
8. Scott Russell (Yam), Alpharetta, Georgia (14)
9. Peter Goddard (Suz), Australia (13)
   Pier-Francesco Chili (Duc), Italy (13)

MOTOCROSS

THOR/PARTS UNLIMITED AMA SUPERCROSS SERIES

(After 13 of 16 rounds):

1. Jeremy McGrath (Suz), Canyon Lake, CA (268/6 wins)
2. Kevin Windham (Yam), Baton Rouge, LA (237/2 wins)
3. Ezra Lusk (Yam), Bainbridge, GA (224/3 wins)
4. Larry Ward (Hon), Florence, SC (190/1 win)
5. Mike LaRocco (Suz), South Bend, IN (189)
6. Mickael Pichon (Suz), France (168)
7. Doug Henry (Yam), Oxford, CT (163)
8. Damon Huffman (Kaw), Acton, CA (150)
9. Jeff Emig (Kaw), Riverside, CA (146)
10. Jimmy Button (Yam), Scottsdale, AZ (139)

AMA EASTERN REGIONAL 125cc SUPERCROSS SERIES

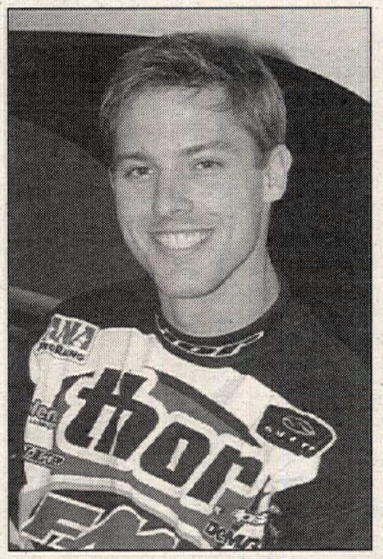
(After 7 of 8 rounds):

1. Ricky Carmichael (Kaw), Havana, FL (175/7 wins)
2. Robbie Reynard (Suz), Norman, OK (121)
3. Brock Sellards (Hon), New Philadelphia, OH (113)
4. Casey Lytle (Hon), Santa Clarita, CA (101)
5. Shae Bentley (Kaw), Ellenwood, GA (68)
6. James Povolny Jr. (KTM), Mendota Heights, MN (63)
7. Tony Lorusso (Suz), East Hartford, CT (62)
8. Jim Neese (KTM), Greensboro, NC (58)
9. Robbie Skaggs (Yam), Lawrence, KS (54)
10. Paul Currie (Kaw), Naples, FL (52)

AMA WESTERN REGIONAL 125cc SUPERCROSS SERIES

(After 6 of 7 rounds):

1. John Dowd (Yam), Chicopee, MA (134/2 wins)
2. David Vuillemin (Yam), France (131/3 wins)
3. Stephane Roncada (Hon), France (123)
4. David Pingree (Hon), Menifee, CA (93)
5. Nathan Ramsey (Kaw), Hixon, TX (91)
6. Greg Schnell (Yam), Rancho Cucamonga, CA (79)
7. Michael Brandes (Suz), Quail Valley, CA (72)
8. Jason McCormick (Hon), Vancouver, WA (65)
9. Jeff Willoh (Suz), Glendale, CA (58)
   Ryan Huffman (Suz), Roseburg, OR (58)



JASON McCORMICK

500cc WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

(After 1 of 12 rounds):

1. Andrea Bartolini (Yam), Italy (33/1 win)
2. Darryl King (Hus), New Zealand (27)
3. Gert-Jan Van Doorn (Hon), Netherlands (26)
   Rob Herring (Hon), England (26)
5. Peter Johansson (Yam), Sweden (24)
6. Joel Smets (Hbg), Belgium (20)
7. Johan Boonen (KTM), Belgium (17)
8. Jochen Jasinski (Yam), Netherlands (16)
9. Avo Leok (Hon), Latvia (15)
10. Shayne King (KTM), New Zealand (14)

250cc WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

(After 1 of 16 rounds):

1. Stefan Everts (Hon), Belgium (37/1 win)
2. Sebastien Tortelli (Kaw), France (32)
3. Tallon Vohland (Yam), USA (24)
4. Pit Beirer (Hon), Germany (20)
5. Justin Morris (Hon), England (18)
6. Jocke Karlsson (Hon), Sweden (17)
   Jaimy Scevenels (Suz), Belgium (17)
8. Paul Cooper (Kaw), England (15)
   Leon Giesbers (KTM), Belgium (15)
10. Marnicq Bervoets (Suz), Belgium (14)

125cc WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

(After 1 of 12 rounds):

1. Alessio Chiodi (Hus), Italy (37/1 win)
2. Eric Camerlengo (Yam), Italy (31)
3. Luigi Seguy (Hon), France (26)
4. James Dobb (Hon), England (21)
   Alessandro Puzar (TM), Italy (21)
6. David Vuillemin (Yam), France (19)
7. Alessandro Belomoti (Yam), Italy (17)
8. Brian Jorgensen (Suz), Denmark (15)
9. Phillippe Dupasquier (TM), Italy (14)
   Frederic Vialle (Yam), France (14)

BRETT LANDES

DIRT TRACK

AMA GRAND NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

(After 1 of 21 rounds)

1. Scott Parker (H-D), Swartz Creek, MI (23/1 win)
2. Terry Poovey (Rtx), Euless, TX (19)
3. Brett Landes (ATK), Los Gatos, CA (16)
4. Joe Kopp (KTM), Mica, WA (15)
5. Will Davis (ATK), Goldsboro, NC (14)
6. Rich King (CCM), Waterloo, IA (13)
7. Charlie Orr (Rtx), Irving, TX (12)
8. Roger Durkee (Rtx), Dunnellon, FL (11)
9. Kevin Varnes (Rtx), New Holland, PA (10)
10. Dan Stanley (Rtx), Bellingham, WA (9)

OFF-ROAD

AMA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP HARE & HOUND SERIES

(After 2 of 7 rounds)

1. Ty Davis (Yam), Hesperia, CA (55/1 win)
2. Dave Ondas (Kaw), Trabuco Canyon, CA (39)
   Destry Abbott (Kaw), Peoria, AZ (39)
4. Brian Brown (Kaw), Nampa, ID (30/1 win)
5. Dan Richardson (Kaw), Fountain Valley, CA (28)
6. Nick Pearson (KTM), Pioche, NV (25)
7. Steve Hengeveld (Kaw), Oak Hills, CA (21)
   Oakley Lehman (Kaw), Sunland, CA (21)
9. Jeff Capt (Kaw), Glendora, CA (20)
10. Russell Pearson (KTM), Pioche, NV (16)

AMA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP HARE SCRAMBLES SERIES

(After 2 of 9 rounds)

1. Doug Blackwell (Yam), Parkersburg, WV (55/1 win)
   Brian Garrahan (KTM), Boulder Creek, CA (55/1 win)
3. Mike Lafferty (KTM), Millville, NJ (39)
4. Patrick Garrahan (KTM), Boulder Creek, CA (36)
5. Luca Trussardi (Kaw), Santee, CA (32)
6. Josh McLevy (Hon), Fairfield, CT (29)
7. Dave Flashburger (Hon), Pleasanton, CA (25)
8. Erik Kohler (Yam), Sacramento, CA (17)
9. Randy Hawkins (Yam), Travelers Rest, SC (16)
   Sean Wilson (Suz), Maple Valley, CA (16)

BRIAN BROWN

AMA GRAND NATIONAL CROSS COUNTRY SERIES

(After 2 of 13 rounds):

1. Fred Andrews (Yam), Salem, OH (38/1 win)
2. Scott Summers (Hon), Petersburg, KY (37/1 win)
   Rodney Smith (Suz), Oakley, CA (37)
4. Randy Hawkins (Yam), Travelers Rest, SC (31)
5. Michael Lafferty (KTM), Millville, New Jersey (26)
6. Jason Dahners (Hbg), Redmond, WA (23)
7. Jim Jarrett (Kaw), Minerva, OH (23)
   Luca Trussardi (Kaw), Santee, CA (23)
9. Ty Davis (Yam), Hesperia, CA (19)
10. Brian Keegan (Kaw), Washington, PA (17)

AMA ACERBIS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP ENDURO SERIES

(After 1 of 10 rounds):

1. Ty Davis (Yam), Hesperia, CA (30/1 win)
2. Kelby Pepper (Yam), Center, CO (25)
3. Matt Stavish (Hon), Blaine, MN (21)
4. Doug Blackwell (Yam), Parkersburg, WV (18)
5. Michael Lafferty (KTM), Millville, NJ (16)
6. Jim Gray (KTM), Gunnison, CO (15)
7. Russell Pearson (KTM), Pioche, NV (14)
8. Patrick Garrahan (KTM), Boulder Creek, CA (13)
9. Randy Hawkins (Yam), Travelers Rest, SC (12)
10. Destry Abbott (Kaw), Peoria, AZ (11)

AMA/NATC NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP TRIALS SERIES

(After 4 of 11 rounds):

1. Geoff Aaron (Bet), Alpine, CA (110/2 wins)
2. Raymond Peters (G-G), Beaver Dams, NY (97/1 win)
3. Ryon Bell (Mon), Canada (85)
4. Jess Kempkes (G-G), Lincoln, NE (84/1 win)
5. Brian Capper (G-G), Ansonia, CT (60)
6. Matt Moore (Mon), Sapulpa, OK (59)
   Dennis Sweeten (Mon), Oregon City, OR (59)
8. Michael Bryant (Bet), Bulington, CT (54)
9. Chris Bardell (G-G), Millerstown, PA (47)
10. Travis Fox (G-G), Montoursville, PA (45)

Everts reigns in Spain

By Alex Hodgkinson
Photo by Geoff Meyer

TALAVERA, SPAIN, MAR. 29

Professor Higgins was nowhere to be seen, but while Northern Europe basked in 70-degree sunshine, temperatures dipped to the mid-50s at Talavera as rain really did fall on the plain of Spain. And three riders outpaced the rest, one of whom was defending champ Stefan Everts of Belgium.

But first, German Pit Beirer showed that he intends to carry on where he left off last year with a runaway in the first moto at Talavera. Then Frenchman Sebastien Tortelli had a tremendous second-moto ride, climbing from last to second after being trapped behind the fallen German, Beirer, in the first turn of race two. But it was Honda's Stefan Everts who outpaced them all by starting his title defense with the 34th GP win of his career.

Racing seriously for the first time in a month was American Tallon Vohland, who scored a promising third overall.

"My first race wasn't so good, and I crashed a few times," Vohland said. "I tried to ride smoother in race two. Third was good for me, because I haven't been able to train how I would have liked to after my shoulder injury at Beaucaire (last month). My condition is right about 80 percent at the moment, so I'm confident I can be up there by the end of the series as this (injury) improves."

Beirer got to the first turn in front in race one, but only to see Frenchman Yves Demaria tear around the outside of him. The German, however, was quick to counter, and he grabbed the lead back and would keep it right down to the end. Along the way, Beirer risked it all after disposing of his goggles before half-distance, but things turned out well for the Honda rider.

"I got dirt and water between the film and the goggle, and it wouldn't clear," Beirer said.

Falls for Vohland (who was initially third) and Demaria promoted Everts to second and Tortelli to third, but neither offered a challenge to either Beirer or each other.

On the podium, each said that they had been more interested in completing the race without mistakes, as continual drizzle made the track slippery. Thankfully, the rock-based track did not rut up as badly as it would have done in the pastures of Central Europe, though the ruts were still deep enough by the end of racing.

Rainfall ceased during the interval, but that only served to make the mud stickier. Luckily, the sun did not appear, or some of the hills might have become impassable. Nevertheless, falls were frequent and once again the race was more of a battle to avoid errors than to race the opposition.

Beirer's hope of a repeat win vanished on the approach to turn one, as he failed to show the necessary respect for Vohland. The American was outside the German but was half a bike length in front, and Vohland does not back off for anyone. Beirer's front wheel tucked under and that was that. He persevered until half-distance, when a further fall persuaded him to quit.

Also affected were Tortelli, Demaria and Bervoets, all stuck behind the stricken Honda. Tortelli proved himself a genuine contender with a tremendous ride to second, albeit 80 seconds down on Everts. Bervoets got no further than 13th, and Demaria - as is usual when he is faced with adversity - quit at half-distance.

Everts was commanding. He had eight seconds on Morris after a single lap and just kept going away.

"The holeshot was very important in this race," Everts said. "It meant I was clean and could see the lines better. It was nice to win today, but it is just another GP win. The conditions were very unusual today, and the next race will be different. It is my aim to beat the six titles and 50 wins of Joel Robert. (At present, Everts has four titles and 34 GP wins.) I need such goals. If you don't have goals, you're going nowhere."

Tortelli was not disappointed with second.

"It was a bad first corner for my entire team, as Yves and I both got trapped behind Beirer," Tortelli said. "I knew from the first race that my lap times were much better than most of the others', so I was confident I could pull back some places. I didn't set myself a goal. I just kept forcing and, in the end, I was second."

It wasn't so much a race as it was a battle of endurance, but the best man won. And two of his main rivals showed their pace, and the lone-wolf American proved he has grit and ability. Perhaps the next race won't be so different, after all. CN

Spanish 250cc GP
Talavera, Spain
Results: March 29, 1998 (After 1 of 16 rounds)

MOTO 1: Pit Beirer (Hon); 2. Stefan Everts (Hon); 3. Sebastien Tortelli (Kaw); 4. Yves Demaria (Kaw); 5. Marnicq Bervoets (Suz); 6. Justin Morris (Hon); 7. Tallon Vohland (Yam); 8. Jaimy Scevenels (Suz); 9. Jocke Karlsson (Hon); 10. Javier Garcia Vico (Yam); 11. Josh Coppins (Suz); 12. Leon Giesbers (KTM); 13. Mark Eastwood (Hon); 14. Paul Cooper (Kaw); 15. Peter Iven (Kaw).

MOTO 2: 1. Stefan Everts (Hon); 2. Sebastien Tortelli (Kaw); 3. Tallon Vohland (Yam); 4. Paul Cooper (Kaw); 5. Leon Giesbers (KTM); 6. Jocke Karlsson (Hon); 7. Jaimy Scevenels (Suz); 8. Justin Morris (Hon); 9. Javier Garcia Vico (Yam); 10. Josh Coppins (Suz); 11. Mickael Maschio (Yam); 12. Serge Guidetty (Hon); 13. Marnicq Bervoets (Suz); 14. Mark Eastwood (Hon); 15. Michael Kadlecek (Suz).

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FIM WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP 250cc MX SERIES POINT STANDINGS (After 1 of 16 rounds): 1. Stefan Everts (37); 2. Sebastien Tortelli (32); 3. Tallon Vohland (24); 4. Pit Beirer (20); 5. Justin Morris (18); 6. (TIE) Jocke Karlsson/Jaimy Scevenels (17); 8. (TIE) Paul Cooper/Leon Giesbers (15); 10. Marnicq Bervoets (14).

Upcoming Rounds:
Round 2 - Agueda, Portugal, April 5
Round 3 - Valkenswaard, Holland, April 19

Belgian Stefan Everts won the opening round of the FIM World Championship MX Series in Spain. German Pit Beirer won the first moto, but Everts went 2-1 for the overall. Beirer did not finish the second moto.

Ramey's "great ride"

By Kenneth King

GREENSBORO, GA, MAR. 15

"I had a great ride."

That is exactly how KTM's Franklin Ramey III summed up his overall victory at round 13 of the SETRA Championship Enduro Series, the Cherokee Enduro. Ramey had an uneventful and flawless ride, dropping nine points over the 60 or so actual miles of the course.

"I got my bike dialed in and it ran great. All the racing I did during Bike Week paid off," said a pumped Ramey, referring to the GNCC opener and Alligator Enduro, where he carded a third-overall finish at the Gator and had a chance at the win until a mud bog slowed him.

KTM's Allen Gravitt felt about the same way, although he didn't have quite as good a day as Ramey did, finishing second overall.

"I rode good, had a few problems that cost me a point here and there, but this is a good race and I had fun," the MSR-backed rider confirmed.

Husaberg-sponsored Michael Grizzle finished three points behind Gravitt for third overall and the High Point A win.

"I basically had a trouble-free race. Nothing really exciting happened," Grizzle said. "I just tried to ride as best as I could."

This was the 33rd running of the Cherokee Enduro, with eight of those being National Enduros. The Cherokee Enduro Riders host excellent events, and last year they were voted "Enduro of the Year" by SETRA members. This year, the club was anticipating disaster due to the six inches of rain that fell the weekend prior, causing major flooding. Many extra bridges had to be built over swollen creeks. Luckily the race was in northern Georgia, because the southern part of the state was still under water. As luck would have it, Mother Nature eased off and the area dried out tremendously well. The red clay was a little slick in spots and there were some mudholes, but for the most part the course was excellent. The temperature managed to creep into the high 60s by midday, providing near-perfect racing conditions.

The mileage was a little less than in previous efforts due to some land problems, but most found the 60-plus actual ground miles more than enough. With the check-in/check-out format being used, you knew the fastest riders would win - not the ones willing to take a gamble and ride early. The first section to greet the riders was 10 miles of faster trail. Ramey, riding on row 33, posted the fast time through with a 2:39. Gravitt came in with a 3:49 and Grizzle came through with a 4:38.

"I had a problem or two in the first section that cost me a point," Gravitt said.

After a nice reset, it was on to the next points-taking section, another 10 miles of trail that was tougher and took more points due to a few mud bogs from the previous week's rain. This time it was Gravitt with the fastest time by one second - a 4:17 compared to Ramey's 4.18. Grizzle was close behind the two with a 4.54, although he encountered problems before the gas stop which cost him some time.

"My bike started skipping real bad," Grizzle explained. "I didn't know what it could be. At the gas, I found that a stick went under my tank and knocked a vacuum hose off. I fixed it and the bike ran fine after that."

(Above) Franklin Ramey III rode his KTM to a nine-point card and the overall win at the Cherokee Enduro.
(Top right) KTM's Allen Gravitt finished two points behind Ramey and claimed the AA-class win.
(Right) Michael Grizzle turned in a 14 to win the High Point A and Open A honors.
(Bottom right) Mitch McRee won the Vet A class.

After the gas stop, there was a little problem with check number six. Ramey and Gravitt dropped two points and Grizzle dropped three, but observation flags were placed in front of the check instead of check flags. After a few protests, the check was thrown out.

"I'm glad they threw that check out," Grizzle said. "I didn't do too good in that section. I got lucky."

The next trial was about 13 miles long and was tough in spots, but for the most part it was fairly fast. Ramey dropped another two while Gravitt and Grizzle carded threes. There was a nice spectator hill, followed by a rock section that gave people a good chance to see the riders.

"The ground was almost perfect," Ramey said about the section. "The trail was really nice."

The last points-taking section of the day was a very short 4-mile section that was very tight. Ramey and Gravitt tied by losing a single point each, while Grizzle carded a three.

At the end of the race, it was Ramey taking the overall win with a nine, followed by Gravitt (11) and then Grizzle (14). Gravitt won the AA class and Grizzle took the High Point A and Open A trophies.

"Harold Barton and the rest of the Cherokee guys really put on a first-class event," Gravitt summarized. "It's a fun race."

Ramey and Gravitt are in a tight battle for the series championship, with Ramey hoping to make it two in a row. Only time will tell, and it looks as though it's going to go down to the wire. CN

Cherokee Enduro
Greensboro, Georgia
Results: March 15, 1998 (Round 13)

O/A: Franklin Ramey.
AA: 1. Allen Gravitt; 2. Steven Smith; 3. Ron Sharphorn.
OPEN A: 1. Michael Grizzle; 2. Mike Martin; 3. Joey Rowland.
250 A: 1. Doug Masencup; 2. Jason Chancey; 3. Jeff Collins.
200 A: 1. Lee Stephens; 2. Tommy Veator; 3. Jay Lagroon.
4-STRK A: 1. Martin Pruett; 2. Andy Barkley; 3. Frank Anello.
VET A: 1. Mitch McRee; 2. Johnny McCoy; 3. Doug Deaton.
SR A: 1. Robert Neeley; 2. Joe Royal; 3. Russell Holliday.
S/SR A: 1. John Kirby; 2. Charlie Bridges; 3. Lewis Smith.
MSTR A: 1. Ron Miller; 2. John Parker; 3. Joe Van Seeters.
OPEN B: 1. David Morgan; 2. Charlie Hatter; 3. James Embro.
250 B: 1. Terrell Holloway; 2. Jeff Burchfield; 3. Jeff Schactz.
200 B: 1. Mark Thompson; 2. Curt Cook; 3. Steve Lewis.
4-STRK B: 1. Allen Young; 2. Clinton Norton.
VET B: 1. Pooner Powell; 2. Stanley Ghant; 3. Pat Williamson.
SR B: 1. Phil Ellis; 2. Scott Ramer; 3. Len Whooten.
S/SR B: 1. John Kealey; 2. Patrick Golden; 3. Sonny Roberts.
MSTR B: 1. Mike Thompson; 2. Steve Chancey; 3. Bill Watkins.
OPEN C: 1. Robert Andrews; 2. Aaron Dean; 3. Sam Gillespie.
250 C: 1. John Phillips; 2. Adam Zeird; 3. Marshall Lewis.
200 C: 1. Roy Brunner; 2. William Roof; 3. Scott Crump.
4-STRK C: 1. Trey Call; 2. Michael Nowlin; 3. Nik Johnson.
VET C: 1. Tim Huskey; 2. Frank Ericson; 3. Chris Ingle.
SR C: 1. John West; 2. Greg Luther; 3. Steven Lewis.
S/SR C: 1. Doug Cochran; 2. David Heath; 3. Paul Wilkinson.
MSTR C: 1. Clyde Brown; 2. Sam Shaw; 3. Bud Hardeman.
WMN: 1. Sue Heath; 2. Elaine Nobles.

Upcoming Rounds:
Round 14 - Morganton, North Carolina, April 5
Round 15 - Cochran, Georgia, April 19

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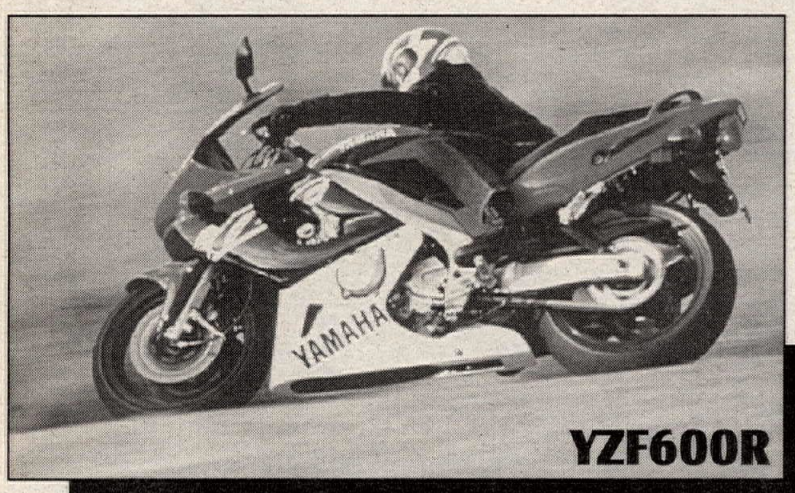

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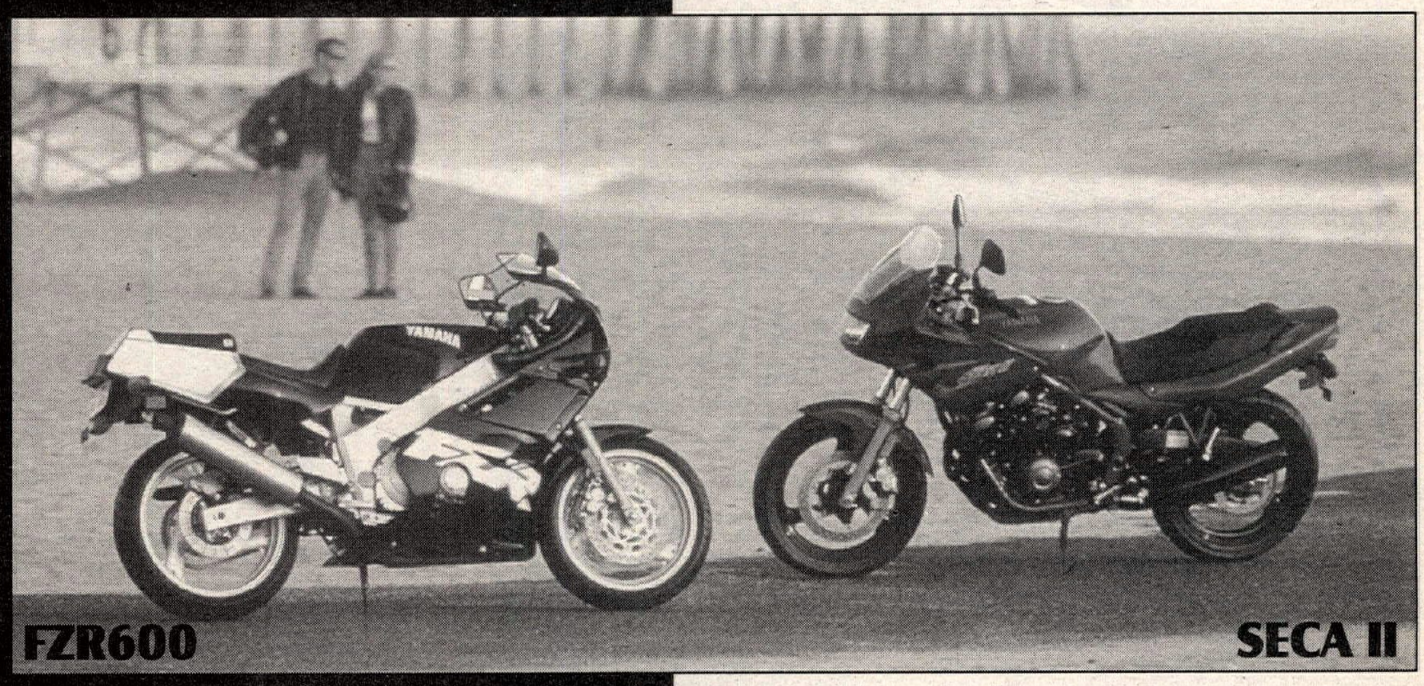

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AMA/District 36 Cross Country Series, Round 4

Garrahan unreal at Phantom Scrambles

By Jill Ashworth Patterson

HOLLISTER HILLS, CA, MAR. 22

Consistency, patience and strategy paid off for Patrick Garrahan, as he and his KTM cruised to take the overall A/B and 250cc A-class honors at the Ghostriders MC's Phantom Hare Scrambles at Hollister Hills SVRA.

Garrahan credited his two-kick start and good inside line for getting him into third place during the first lap. He was behind his brother Brian Garrahan and Cole Marshall for the first three laps.

"I saw they were battling each other, going real fast. I just stuck back from them a little bit and hung out," Patrick Garrahan said.

Near the end of the second lap, Marshall and Brian Garrahan pleased the thrill-seeking crowd when they tangled while going into a narrow corridor that fed riders back onto the motocross track and into the pit area. Brian Garrahan did a header into the pits and reportedly broke a clutch lever. Marshall emerged upright and continued onto the MX track.

Both Garrahans pitted after the third lap. Patrick said that he passed Brian as they left but, shortly after that, Brian passed him back.

"Then he (Brian) broke, and then I saw that Cole ran out of gas that lap, so that was about it. I just cruised the whole way - and I came in first."

The break that ended the race for Brian Garrahan happened on the fourth lap. He had a derailed chain and discovered the master link was missing.

Marshall lost the lead on the fourth lap, and he admitted, "I should've pitted on the third lap; I thought I could make 40 miles and I didn't."

Marshall said he was thankful to "a guy on the course already having problems that gave me gas - only a few guys got by. I still came back to claim first in the A Four-Stroke class and second overall."

"Battling with Brian for the lead on the first couple of laps," Marshall answered when asked what was the highlight of the day. "We were having a good race, actually."

(Top) The first wave of riders charges into the first turn at the Phantom Hare Scrambles in California.
(Above) Patrick Garrahan carded the overall win.

Marshall also enjoyed a course that he said was laid out well. "It was fairly fast and kind of rough, but if you picked good lines, you could pretty much get through it smooth and get away from everybody else," he said.

Several other riders enjoyed the good race conditions and praised the course layout, created by Ghostrider Bill Benson and his trail-design crew.

Sixth-placed A Vet Jay Faulkner liked the fast sections, even with the dust. "I really like to go fast," he said.

Paul Danrich, who finished second in the C Four-Stroke class, said he had a good time seeing other riders "doing banzai stuff" - and doing some himself.

"I'm so trashed," he summed up while waiting for race results.

District 36 cross country competition steward Edd Haymond had a good response for the few who thought the course was too fast and didn't have enough tight or technical sections.

"A cross country event is supposed to be fast," Haymond explains. "If a rider wants tight and technical, he should stick to the enduros."

In her first dirt bike competition, Sarah Schilke not only finished but took second in the Women's Combined A/B/C class. She was excited and exhausted at the finish line, claiming that before the race she didn't know what to expect or that it would be so hard. "But it was so much fun," she quickly added, "and I didn't realize how satisfying it would be."

Schilke was one of the crowd's favorite riders to watch. She had a Barbie doll dressed in matching riding gear strapped to her back. The spectators were pleased to see that Barbie, too, had survived the race.

Coming into this event, the series had two riders tied for first in the C Senior class. Roger Thieling and Philip Oliver both wanted to break that tie. Thieling lost the bolts off his front-brake caliper and had a slow first lap before pitting to make repairs. Oliver had a good, fast ride and was the only one in his class to complete five laps, taking first. Thieling finished fifth, thus ending the tie.

About 270 riders and a few hundred spectators thoroughly enjoyed the first weekend of spring, with temperatures in the upper 60s, several great races, a wonderful barbecue and the handing out of awards and prizes.

The high point of the day was the long-anticipated raffling off of a new Kawasaki KLX650 Stroker/Baja Designs Dual Sport, with all proceeds benefiting Hollister's Hazel Hawkins Memorial Hospital Pediatrics Ward. CN

Phantom Hare Scrambles
Hollister Hills, California
Results: March 22, 1999 (Round 4)

A 200: 1. Chris Neal (Hon); 2. Marc Demarco (KTM).
A 250: 1. Patrick Garrahan (KTM); 2. Craig Wesner (Kaw); 3. Steven Hlebo (Kaw); 4. James Ptarcinski (Hon); 5. Craig Hoffman (Kaw).
A 4-STRK: 1. Cole Marshall (CCM); 2. Jason Howe (Hon); 3. James Perry (Hon); 4. Glenn Martinson (KTM); 5. Ryan O'Callaghan (Hon).
A VET: 1. Robert Horton (KTM); 2. Donald Franklin (Hus); 3. Eric Von Urff (Hon); 4. John Mason (Yam); 5. David Froman (Kaw).
A SR: 1. Cloyse Holland (KTM); 2. Duane Scott (Yam); 3. Jerry Fouts (Hon); 4. Perry Sherman (KTM); 5. Danny Bawdon (Yam).
A S/SR: 1. Fred Surral (KTM); 2. Peter Prichard (KTM); 3. Leroy Gerke (Hon); 4. Edd Haymond (KTM); 5. Louie Marshall (Hon).
B OPEN: 1. Kirk Fetter (Hon); 2. Michael Seadler (KTM); 3. Josh Poggi (Hbg); 4. David North (KTM); 5. Aaron Phillips (Hon).
B 200: 1. Chad Cook (KTM); 2. Genairo Gray (Suz).
B 250: 1. Bryan Southwood (Yam); 2. Terry Biel (Yam); 3. Dan Marshall (Hon); 4. Jim Matheson (Hon); 5. Arvo Backholm (Kaw).
B 4-STRK: 1. Shaun Wilcox (Hon); 2. Randy Johnson (Kaw); 3. Michael Bou (Hon).
B VET: 1. Benjamin Gledhill (Kaw); 2. Jack Roberts (Hon); 3. Karl Goetz (Kaw); 4. Robert Brunit (KTM); 5. Steve Anderson (Hon).
B SR: 1. Rod McCollough (Hon); 2. Clyde Lawler (Kaw); 3. Frank Ward (KTM); 4. Bruce Paulson (KTM); 5. Greg Stefani (Hon).
B S/SR: 1. Eugene Price (Kaw); 2. Fred Middleton (KTM); 3. William Craig (KTM).
C OPEN: 1. Spencer Piercy (Kaw); 2. Bret Ajax (Kaw); 3. Greg Amos (Hus); 4. Kevin Brownfield (Hon); 5. Michael Smith (Hon).
C 200: 1. Mike Newman (Hon); 2. Robert Fouts (Hon); 3. Chad Beil (Hon); 4. Mark Acquistapace (Kaw); 5. Billy Jurevich (Yam).
C 250: 1. Tony Sousa (Suz); 2. Craig Jelich (Hon); 3. Eddie Benson (Hon); 4. Chris Thomas (Hon); 5. Robert Wells (Hon).
C 4-STRK: 1. Kris Larcher (Hon); 2. Paul Danrich (Hon); 3. Allan Zuckswert (Kaw); 4. Chester Martin (Kaw); 5. David Corbari (Hon).
C VET: 1. Mark Blanco (Hon); 2. Brian Pastrone (Hon); 3. Cliff Bagot (Hon); 4. Mark Burnette (Kaw); 5. Jeff Walls (Hon).
C SR: 1. Philip Oliver (Hon); 2. Butch Sullivan (Kaw); 3. Robert Wesch (KTM); 4. Reginald Kesecker (Hbg); 5. Roger Thieling (Hon).
C S/SR: 1. Robert Fersch (Hon); 2. Paul O'Neil (Hon); 3. Chester Martin (Kaw) 4. Jerry Amos (Kaw); 5. Greg Loscher (KTM).
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4/4/98	6:00 AM	MotoWorld (R)
4/4/98	6:00 PM	MotoWorld (R)
4/6/98	12:30 AM	MW2 Rev It Up (R)
4/6/98	4:30 AM	MotoWorld (R)
4/8/98	3:00 PM	Minneapolis, MN Supercross (R)
4/9/98	6:30 PM	MotoWorld
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4/11/98	1:00 PM	St. Louis, MO Supercross (R)
4/11/98	6:00 AM	MotoWorld (R)
4/12/98	12:30 AM	St. Louis, MO Supercross (R)
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4/16/98	6:30 PM	MotoWorld
4/17/98	3:30 AM	St. Louis, MO Supercross (R)
4/17/98	7:30 PM	Pontiac, MI Supercross
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4/23/98	6:30 PM	MotoWorld
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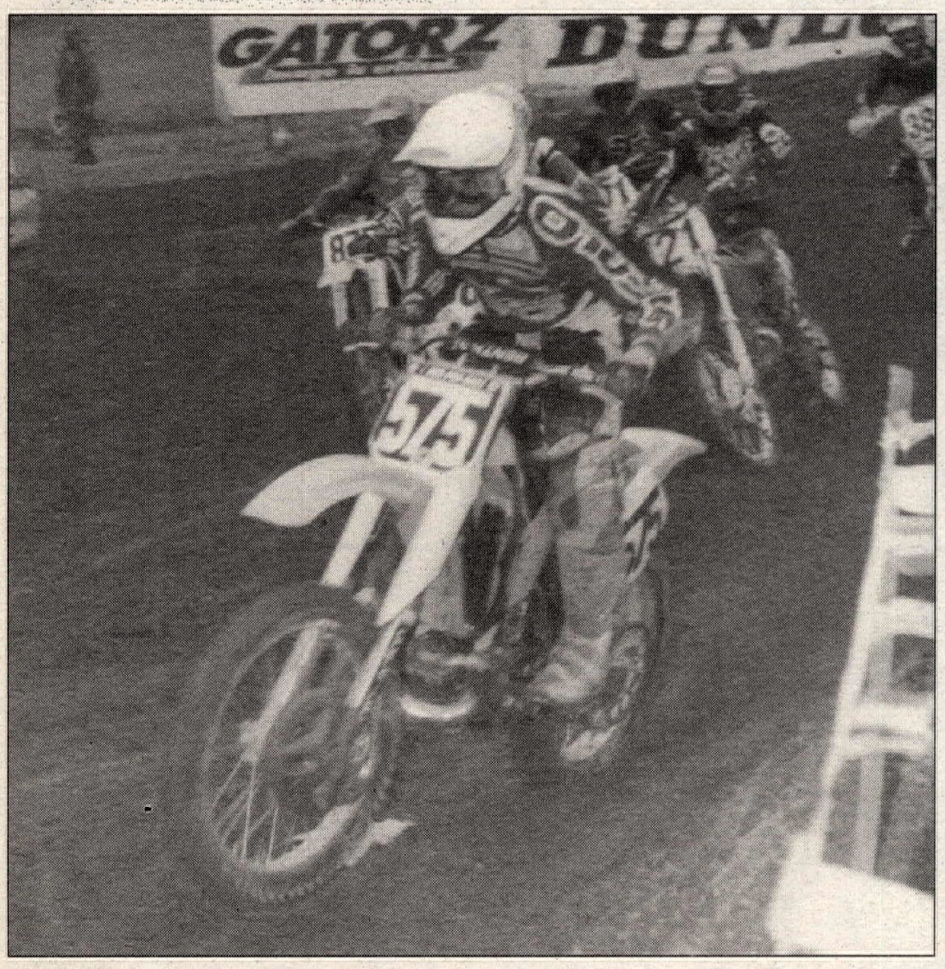

(Above) Adam Friely (127) came back from this midpack start to win the 125cc C class at the opening District 15 Motocross of 1998, held at Midway Motocross in Mitchell, Indiana. (Left) Jon Boruff (575) gets the jump in the 250cc A class, but it was Jeff Gibson (21) who came back to win both the 125 and 250cc A classes at round three of the U.S. Mega Series, held at Muddy Creek Raceway in Blountville, Tennessee.

AMA U.S. Mega Series, Round 3

Gibson gasses Muddy Creek

By Barbara Williams
Photo by Loren Williams

BLOUNTVILLE, TN, MAR. 22

Team Green's Jeff Gibson is laying to rest any fears that he wasn't ready to ride with the big dogs this year by taking the overall wins in both the 125 and 250cc A classes at round three of the AMA Serious Racewear U.S. Mega Series. Although Gibson won only one moto, his consistency made him the big winner on the day. Gibson leads the Mega Series points in both classes.

"The entries were down somewhat because of our weather," noted Mega Series promoter Sam Gammon as he watched the snowflakes dusting Muddy Creek's loam. "Only the most serious riders come out when it's this cold."

Gibson is serious, but so are Kingsport Suzuki's Jon Boruff and Kingsport KTM's Jim Neese, who traded 125cc A-moto wins. Boruff grabbed the holeshot in the first 125cc A moto and checked out, with Gibson hot on his wheels. Winters Marketing-backed Marcus Hedrick took third, ahead of Neese and Martinez, Georgia's Robbie Horton. Neese exploded out of the gate in the second race and showed the way to the checkers. Gibson shadowed Neese, who was covered by Boruff. Gibson's 2-2 finishes topped Boruff's and Neese's totals for the overall 125cc A victory. Hedrick's second-moto sixth was good enough to give him fourth overall.

Gibson and Boruff heated things up in 250cc A class by battling for the lead all day, joined by Neese and Suzuki of Winston-Salem's Chad Lough. Boruff took the holeshot in the first moto and repeated his earlier runaway win in the first 125cc moto. Gibson led every lap of second 250cc A moto except the last one, when he slipped in a gooey spot on the track, allowing Neese to blast by and take the win. Again, Gibson's consistency saved the day, and he went home with the overall win.

Jim's Honda of Kingsport-sponsored Hans Neel owned the Unlimited Amateur class, leaving Suzuki pilots Timmy Milligan and Daniel Tesh to duke it out for the runner-up spot. Tesh finished second in the first moto, but his second-moto plans were foiled by a terrible start. That left Milligan in position to dethrone Neel, but Milligan never got the chance to capitalize on any mistakes from Neel and settled for second.

Neel also flew his Honda to a first-round win in the 125cc B class, followed by Paul Justus, Tesh, Suzuki of Gastonia's Brad Edwards and 250cc Beginner Josh Capps. However, the second-moto finishes differed greatly from the first, due to a series of individual occurrences that can only be ascribed to "just racing." Neel got a horrible start in the second moto, lost his rhythm and was lucky to hang on to sixth. While Justus raced to the second-moto and overall win, Edwards put together 4-3 finishes for the second podium spot. Neel's 1-6 placings were good for third, followed by Jered Black (7-2) and Derick Hedrick (6-4). CN

Results

50 (4-6): 1. Preston Thomas (KTM); 2. McKinnon Welborn (Cob); 3. Trevor Brown (Cob); 4. Tyler Glance (Cob); 5. Dustin Chandler (Cob).

50 (7-8): 1. Zach Osborne (Cob); 2. Les Smith (Cob); 3. D.J. Ellis (Cob); 4. Davin Price (Lem); 5. Tyler Bright (Cob).

50 SHAFT: 1. Adam Ivers (Yam); 2. Collen Cresby (Yam).

65 (7-9): 1. Chase Beck (Kaw); 2. Zach Osborne (Kaw); 3. Steven Houser (Kaw); 4. Matthew Mashburn (Kaw); 5. Stevie Hagans (Kaw).

65 (10-11): 1. Philip Ivers Jr. (Kaw); 2. Christopher Chesnee (KTM); 3. Kyle Clark (Kaw); 4. Jonathan Ryan (Kaw); 5. Jerry Mashburn (Kaw).

80 BEG: 1. Christopher Nelson (Kaw); 2. Scott Hagans (Yam); 3. Zack Price (Hon); 4. Brandon Belcher (Suz); 5. Josh Fox (Yam).

JR MINI: 1. Garrett Meek (Kaw); 2. Timothy Horn (Kaw); 3. Christopher Chesnee (Suz); 4. Eric Dudley (Kaw); 5. Philip Ivers Jr. (Suz).

85 (12-13): 1. Matt Miller (Suz); 2. Willy Baker (Suz); 3. Chase Roberts (Kaw); 4. Justin Lewis (Yam); 5. Jeffrey Fields (Yam).

85 (14-15): 1. Adam Overcash (Suz); 2. Chris Ferguson (Suz); 3. Bradley Robertson (Yam); 4. Leslie Barrett (Kaw); 5. Joshua Wyatt (Hon).

S/MINI: 1. Matt Blevins (Kaw); 2. Zachary Miller (Suz); 3. Brian Pace (Yam); 4. Chase Roberts (Kaw); 5. Justin Lewis (Yam).

SCHBY: 1. Casey Barnes (Suz); 2. Tony Graham (Yam); 3. Doug Earls (Suz); 4. Jacob Saylor (Kaw); 5. Christopher Hovis (Yam).

125 A: 1. Jeff Gibson (Kaw); 2. Jon Boruff (Suz); 3. Jim Neese (KTM); 4. Marcus Hedrick (Suz); 5. Chad Lough (Suz).

125 B: 1. Paul Justus (Suz); 2. Brad Edwards (Suz); 3. Hans Neel (Hon); 4. Jered Black (Yam); 5. Derick Hedrick (Suz).

125 C: 1. Tim Gunter (Kaw); 2. Christopher Hovis (Yam); 3. David Owens (Suz); 4. Siler Chapman (Suz); 5. Michael Robinson (Kaw).

125 D: 1. Evan Repass (Suz); 2. Rick Tyree (Yam); 3. Mike Steens (Yam); 4. Rodney Greene (Kaw); 5. Jonathan Riner (Yam).

250 A: 1. Jeff Gibson (Kaw); 2. Jon Boruff (Suz); 3. Jim Neese (KTM); 4. Chad Lough (Suz); 5. Gaylon Dickson Jr. (Kaw).

250 B: 1. Joshua Capps (Kaw); 2. Brad Edwards (Suz); 3. Paul Justus (Suz); 4. Wesley McCoy (Suz); 5. Derick Hedrick (Suz).

250 C: 1. Chad Yates (Hon); 2. Noel Hall (Kaw); 3. Michael Franklin (Kaw); 4. Monte Lewis (Kaw); 5. Wilson Lewis (Kaw).

250 D: 1. Scott Dillon (Hon); 2. Jamie Manis (Suz); 3. John Vaughn (Hon); 4. Richard Dickson (Yam); 5. Jason Lawson (KTM).

U/L AM: 1. Hans Neel (Hon); 2. Timmy Milligan (Suz); 3. Daniel Tesh (Suz); 4. Wesley McCoy (Suz); 5. Gregg Smith (KTM).

U/L C/D: 1. Chad Yates (Hon); 2. Michael Franklin (Kaw); 3. Ted Osborne Jr. (Suz); 4. Gary Henry (Hon); 5. Jason Marsh (Hon).

4-STRK: 1. Michael Litz (Kaw); 2. Chad Viers (Yam); 3. Steven Prokupek (Hon).

25+ A: 1 . Gaylon Dickson Jr. (Kaw); 2. Joel Nicky Baker (Suz); 3. Leslie Belcher (Suz); 4. Robert Thomas (Kaw); 5. Chris Shortridge (Hon).

25+ B: 1. Larry Sparks (Hon); 2. Albert Jamie McCoy (Suz); 3. Steve Mason (Suz); 4. Kevin Blalock (Suz); 5. Matthew Turledge (Hon).

25+ C: 1. Sam King (Hon); 2. Allen Brown (Suz); 3. Tracy Spencer (Kaw); 4. Keith Garland (Suz); 5. Jason Rowe (Suz).

30+ A: 1. Joel Nicky Baker (Suz); 2. Gaylon Dickson Jr. (Kaw); 3. Kenneth Frankenberry (Kaw); 4. Leslie Belcher (Suz); 5. Robert Thomas (Kaw).

30+ B: 1. Albert Jamie McCoy (Suz); 2. Larry Sparks (Hon); 3. Steve Mason (Suz); 4. Jimmy Pitcock (Suz); 5. Rick Cooper (Hon).

30+ C: 1. Sam King (Hon); 2. Keith Garland (Suz); 3. Wilson Lewis (Kaw); 4. Chris Beddingfield (Suz); 5. Sam Reese (Suz).

35+: 1. Joel Nicky Baker (Suz); 2. Gene Church (Hon); 3. Rick Cooper (Hon); 4. Henry Hauenstein (Kaw); 5. Dave Savage (Hon).

40+: 1. Kenneth Frankenberry (Kaw); 2. Gary Baisden (Suz); 3. Henry Hauenstein (Kaw); 4. Michael Robinson (Kaw); 5. Johnny Gibson (Suz).

48+: 1. Gary Baisden (Suz); 2. Terrell Welborn (Suz); 3. Ted Shortridge (Suz); 4. Rock Fields (KTM); 5. Russ Knight (Suz).

District 15 Motocross season opener

Lang and Sullivan start season right

By Larry Witmer

MITCHELL, IN, MAR. 15

The 1998 District 15 Motocross season kicked off at Midway MX and 231 hearty racers came out to brave the elements. The conditions turned out to be great, and Tracy Sullivan and James Lang took the measure of the 85cc (12-15) and (7-11) classes, respectively.

The 85cc 12- to 15-year-old division had a great battle, with 13 riders going at it for the gold. The opening holeshot went to Keith Grant on his Yamaha. Willie Madison rounded the left-hander in second, with the rest of the pack chasing the front-running duo. LA Sleeve/MC Surgeon-sponsored Sullivan was on the move early, taking over the second spot from Madison with a pass over the infield jump sections. The running order as the riders made it through the finish-line chicane was Grant in first, followed by Sullivan, Madison and Austin Snedegar, with T.J. Blake in fifth.

Sullivan then put his Honda into the lead on the second lap, passing Grant in the rocker section. Snedegar was working over Madison for third and passed him by carrying more momentum through the infield jump section. Sullivan continued his fast pace in the lead, opening up a small advantage over Grant in second, who was under attack by Snedegar. Suzuki of Greenville-sponsored Snedegar made his pass for second in the back of the track.

"I passed Grant in the new grass flat-track area," Snedegar said. "I held it WFO into the outside berm while Grant took the inside. It worked great."

Sullivan cruised home for the win with a four-second lead over Snedegar. Grant brought his Yamaha in for a third, Madison took the fourth spot and T.J. Blake made the trip from Brandenburg, Kentucky, worth it by carding a fifth in the opening moto.

The second moto was shortened due to time constraints, so the holeshot became critical. Sullivan put his Honda into the first corner in the lead, with Snedegar second, Grant third, Blake fourth and Shawn Tuman in fifth. Snedegar and the pack kept the pressure on Sullivan, but the Honda-mounted rider never made a mistake, leading wire to wire.

"Wow, this is great!" Sullivan said afterward. "My Honda ran great. The second moto was close because Snedegar showed me a wheel going through the whoop section on the second lap. I kept the gas on and held on to the lead. The track today was great! My favorite part was the main straightway in front of everyone. You could get some speed."

In the 85cc (7-11) class, early favorite Shawn Clark did what he usually does, winning the opening moto ahead of the 10-rider field. But his RM80 transmission went south in the 80cc Open class, taking away any chance for a second-moto start.

"Today my RM was running good, but the transmission locked up and that was it," Clark said. "I have set some goals for myself this year. I want to win the Regionals here at Mitchell come June, and then card a top-five at Loretta's. I have been training hard on my BMX bike and weights."

Clark's misfortune was good fortune for Lang as he went on to take the overall win in front of Brandon Hileman, Jeffrey Jennings, Ryan Koontz and Dwayne Jones. CN

Midway Motocross
Mitchell, Indiana
Results: March 15, 1998

50 AUTO (4-8): 1. Michael McMillan (Yam); 2. Cody Reas (Yam); 3. Bobby Jacobs (Yam); 4. Caleb Parsons (Yam); 5. Isaac Rowland (Yam).

50 AUTO (4-6): 1. Dan Rocke (Cob); 2. Derrin Burks (Act); 3. David Holobaugh (Cob).

50 AUTO (7-8): 1. Chad Canter (KTM); 2. Chris Gibson (Cob); 3. Danny Caudill (Act); 4. Steve Squire (Cob); 5. Ryan Ritchie (Cob).

60 (7-11): 1. Brandon Goodman (Kaw); 2. Dwayne Jones (Kaw); 3. Alex Rassiga (Kaw); 4. Josh Ivers (Kaw); 5. Chad Canter (Kaw).

85 (7-11): 1. James Lang (Hon); 2. Brandon Hileman (Yam); 3. Jeffrey Jennings (Suz); 4. Ryan Koontz (Suz); 5. Dwayne Jones (Suz).

85 (12-15): 1. Tracy Sullivan (Hon); 2. Austin Snedegar (Suz); 3. Keith Grant (Yam); 4. T.J. Blake (Kaw); 5. Willie Madison (Yam).

WMN: 1. Jennifer Squire (Kaw).

80 OPEN: 1. Joe Snedegar (Suz); 2. Tracy Sullivan (Hon); 3. Keith Grant (Yam); 4. James Lang (Hon); 5. William Madison (Yam).

125 (12-15): 1. Jordan Sturgeon (Suz); 2. Greg Hochmuth (Suz); 3. Joe Snedegar (Suz); 4. Derrick DeWitt (Suz); 5. Matt Ritchey (Kaw).

125 A: 1. Brad Lentz (Hon); 2. Tim Pridemore (Yam); 3. Sean Fleenor (Yam); 4. Sam Schey (Hon); 5. Robert Nugent (KTM).

125 B: 1. Jordan Sturgeon (Suz); 2. Jason Sloan (Suz); 3. Greg Hochmuth (Suz); 4. Chad Guffey (Yam); 5. Brian Matcomb (Hon).

125 C: 1. Adam Friely (Kaw); 2. Darrin Chapman (Hon); 3. Matt Ritchey (Kaw); 4. Michael Langley (Yam); 5. Justin Back (Suz).

250 A: 1. Tim Pridemore (Kaw); 2. Brad Ader (Hon); 3. Barry Anglemyer (Kaw); 4. Casey Clark (Yam); 5. Barry Hall (Hon).

250 B: 1. Jeff Cregg (Yam); 2. Nick Nuttle (Yam); 3. Bryan Ridge (Hon); 4. Tyler Henderson (Suz).

250 C: 1. Chad Foley (Yam); 2. Christian Davies (Suz); 3. Chad Hall (Suz); 4. Greg Rowland (KTM); 5. Clint Taylor (Yam).

16-24: 1. Brad Lentz (Hon); 2. Brad Elder (Hon); 3. Barry Anglemyer (Kaw); 4. Robert Nugent (KTM); 5. Jeff Gregg (Yam).

25+ A: 1. Kevin Sellers (Yam); 2. J. Reas (Suz); 3. Mike Childers (Hon).

25+ B: 1. Terry Parris (Yam); 2. Gregg Logston (Suz); 3. Jerry Barber (KTM); 4. Brian Zimmerman (Suz); 5. Michael Arrus (Hon).

30+ A: 1. Larry Witmer (Suz); 2. Jim Falkenburg (Kaw); 3. Kevin Sellers (Yam); 4. Richard VanPelt (TM); 5. Scott Rogers (Hon).

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GNC International Final

1st	125 Expert	Ernesto Fonseca
2nd	125 Expert	Brett Racine
3rd	125 Expert	Matt Walker
5th	125 Expert	Doug Parsons
2nd	250 Expert	Keith Johnson
4th	250 Expert	Jason Fink
5th	250 Expert	Brett Racine
2nd	125 Int. Stock	Sean Hamblin
3rd	125 Int. Stock	Tyson Hadsell
2nd	125 Int. Modified	Bryan McGarran
4th	125 Int. Modified	Sean Hamblin
1st	250 Int. Stock	Bobby Bonds
2nd	250 Int. Stock	Beau Boynton
3rd	250 Int. Stock	Nathan Hale
5th	250 Int. Stock	Bryan Piccirelli
2nd	250 Int. Modified	Bobby Bonds
4th	250 Int. Modified	Beau Boynton
1st	125 Open	Ivan Tedesco
2nd	125 Open	Travis Elliott
3rd	125 Open	Tyson Hadsell
5th	125 Open	R.J. Thompson
1st	250 Open	Bobby Bonds
5th	250 Open	Jason Abbott
1st	125 Nov. Stock	Justin Smith
1st	Women	Kristy Shealy
3rd	Women	Jacki Hudson
1st	Open	Patrick Wade
1st	125 12-15	Ivan Tedesco
3rd	125 12-15	Bryan McGarran
5th	125 12-15	R.J. Thompson
1st	125 Beg.	Rodney Doughty
1st	Mini 14-16 Stock	Jonathan Shimp
5th	Mini 14-16 Stock	Troy Adams
1st	Mini 14-16 Mod.	Jonathan Shimp
4th	Mini 14-16 Mod.	Troy Adams
5th	Mini 14-16 Mod.	Chad Cook
5th	Mini 12-13 Stock	Michael Chiudioni
2nd	Mini 12-13 Mod.	Dylan Lord
3rd	Mini 7-16	Jonathan Shimp
3rd	Mini 6-8 Stock	Michael Lapaglia
5th	Mini 6-8 Stock	Michael Pritchett
3rd	Mini 6-8 Mod.	Michael Pritchett
5th	Mini 6-8 Mod.	Michael Lapaglia
4th	Mini 9-11 Stock	Nick Evennou
5th	Mini 9-11 Mod.	Jimmy Keys
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4th	100cc	Jonathan Shimp
4th	Over 25 Nov.	Terry Goetz
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2nd	Over 35	Tom Hudson
3rd	Over 40	Jeff Harriott

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1st	Overall	Fred Andrews
1st	250 A	Jimmy Jarrett

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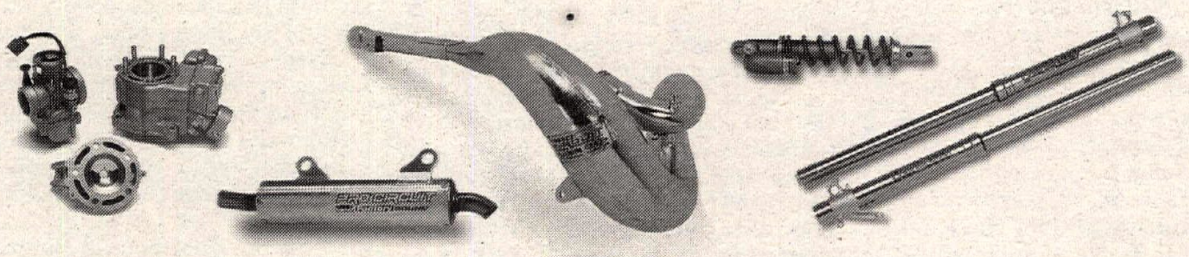
1st	125 Pro	Dana Van Stee/ Erik Griffith
1st	250 Pro	Oakley Lehman/ Brian Brown
2nd	250 Pro	James Summers/ Shane Esposito
4th	250 Pro	Todd Davis/ Mark Weldey
2nd	Open Pro	Destry Abbott/ Dave Ondas
5th	Open Pro	Dave Hamel/ Paul Krause
1st	125 Expert	Robert Marshall/ Kellon Wakh/ Carl Massberg
1st	Open Expert	Doug Chiapuzio/ Casey Patterson
4th	4-Stroke U.P.	Aaron Huntington/ Jason Robinson
1st	4-Stroke	Kelley Yancey/ Matt Harper
2nd	0-25 Expert	Phil Holcomb/ Rusty Clark
1st	0-35 Expert	Don Leib/ Chris Farmer
5th	0-35 Expert	Scott Wright/ Mike Allsop/ Geoff Sanborn
2nd	0-48 Expert	Boyd Abbott/ Rob Beggs
1st	0-40 Amateur	Karl Kramer/ Rob Waite/ Ed Tripp
2nd	0-40 Amateur	Gary Hengeveld/ Rhett Higgins



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40+: 1. Larry Witmer (Suz); 2. Danny Pridemore (Kaw); 3. Terry Blake (KTM); 4. Chuck Nice (Yam); 5. Jim Koontz (Yam).

District 37 Enduro Series, Round 1

Mattson discovers gold

By Matt Freeman

RED MOUNTAIN, CA, MAR. 15

Defending District 37 Enduro Champion Erik Mattson started the 1998 season with the same quick riding and smart timekeeping that earned him the 1997 series crown. Mattson and his CR250 dropped a total of 10 points throughout the 82.6 miles of the 43rd annual Prospectors MC Gold Rush Enduro. Team Green's Dana Van Stee and CR500-mounted Robert Baehr were the only two riders to threaten Mattson throughout two loops and 13 checkpoints. KX125-mounted Van Stee and Vet Open rider Baehr each dropped one point more than the overall winner, but both riders managed to come away with wins in their respective classes.

While all the top riders zeroed every check on the 36.8-mile first loop, the big talk of the day was the 120-mph section that the Prospectors added to the route sheet. The section was at mile 20 of the second loop and lasted for two miles exactly before dropping down to a 4-mph speed average.

The first special test of the second loop, however, was run out of the Spangler Hills area through sandy, downhill canyons and long, narrow, cliffhanger uphills. Team Green's Oakley Lehman was the only rider to zero the check out of the special test, although he would later suffer from computer problems which would knock him out of contention for a win. Mattson and Van Stee both dropped three points at the same check.

A reset from 15.2 to 18.4 miles helped riders catch back up to schedule, but some used it as an opportunity to creep up on the 120-mph section that lay up the trail less than two miles ahead. Vet Open-class favorite Rick Daniel saw his chances of an overall win fade when he crept up a little *too* far. Daniel burned a check that lay less than a mile from the reset by a mere three seconds.

The check that Daniel burned turned out to be the check-in to the 120-mph section. The section led riders up a rocky canyon and then up a "cobbly" uphill before running straight down a mountain with a sign at the top that read "Bull Dog" - a warning to consider walking one's bike down the hill. Riders opting for a top finish ignored the sign and chose to brake-slide down the loose mountain. At the bottom of the downhill, two solid-rock waterfalls led to a sand wash and a checkpoint that no one zeroed. Mattson and Van Stee both carded fives at the check, while Baehr recorded a six.

At mile 27.7, riders were treated to a reset which advanced odometers and computers to 29.5. The remaining 16 miles of the second loop were largely

Vet hero Abe Baumann raced to the overall win at the Huntington Beach MC Hare and Hound, held in Lucerne Valley, California.

routed for speeds of 24 or 30 mph, except for a small six-tenths-of-a-mile section less than 300 yards from the finish. At mile 43.2, the speed average changed from 30 to 4 mph and then back up to 30 mph again at mile 43.8. Many riders, including Van Stee, missed or overlooked the speed change and in some cases ended up burning the check by a minute or more.

Baehr almost missed it himself but, at the last possible second, he realized that the speed average had indeed changed.

"The sign for the speed change was kind of behind a bush and hard to see," said Baehr, who eventually saw the sign and praised the course layout in the end. "It was a great course. They did a good job, and the soil and weather couldn't have been better."

The burn put Van Stee out of the bid for the win, but he still netted second overall and first in the 200cc A class. Baehr carded the third spot, topping the Open Vet A class. YZ125-mounted Ryan Dudek signed up as a B rider but was fast enough to key off of Van Stee all day, riding on the same minute. Dudek ended up in fourth. YZ400F-mounted Billy Fulmer rounded out the top five and topped the Four-Stroke class with a score of 14.

"If you missed the change, it would definitely be a problem," said Long Beach Honda/IMS/ICO/Pirelli-backed Mattson. "The course was bitchin', though - an A-class course." CN

Prospectors MC Gold Rush Enduro
Red Mountain, California
Results: March 15, 1998 (Round 1)

O/A: 1. Erik Mattson (Hon); 2. Dana Van Stee (Kaw); 3. Robert Baehr (Hon); 4. Ryan Dudek (Yam); 5. Billy Fulmer Jr. (Yam); 6. Rusty Scott (Suz); 7. Abe Baumann (Kaw); 8. Tim Moore (Hon); 9. Kevin Hasten (Yam); 10. Jim McGrath (Hon).

200 A: 1. Dana Van Stee (Kaw); 2. Matt Freeman (Kaw).

250 A: 1. Eric Mattson (Hon); 2. Jeff Kawell (Kaw); 3. Oakley Lehman (Kaw).

OPEN A: 1. Brent Farrell (Hon); 2. James Fowler (Hon); 3. Dan Parrott (Kaw).

4-STRK: 1. Billy Fulmer Jr. (Yam); 2. Jim McGrath (Hon); 3. Stephen Yergin (Hus).

80 A: 1. Kendall Norman (Hon); 2. Jonathan Davies (Kaw).

200 B: 1. Ryan Dudek (Yam); 2. Brendan Lutes (Kaw); 3. Mike McGrath (Yam).

250 B: 1. Ed Hoffman (Kaw); 2. Michael Tyner (Hon); 3. Matt Morgan (Kaw).

OPEN B: 1. Brian White (Hon).

4-STRK B: 1. Shane Reid (Kaw); 2. Ken Durr (Hon); 3. David Treen (Yam).

200 C: 1. Mike Calvert (Kaw); 2. Mark Connell (Kaw); 3. Charlie Hargon (Kaw).

250 C: 1. Darrin Hobbick (Kaw); 2. Wayne Cook (Yam).

OPEN C: 1. Adrian Collins (KTM); 2. Brandon Day (Kaw).

4-STRK C: 1. Pat Lukes (Hon); 2. Chiba Tetsuya (Hon); 3. Fred Baumann (Hon).

District 37 Desert Racing Series, Round 9

Baumann busts big

By Matt Freeman

LUCERNE VALLEY, CA, MAR. 22

KX500-mounted Abe Baumann captured his first overall win of the year at the Huntington Beach MC Hare and Hound at Lucerne's Anderson Dry Lake. Baumann led the long, tiring 85-mile event from start to finish, even though he came dangerously close to giving up the lead at the midway point of the event.

The Huntington Beach MC cooked up a unique format for their Hare and Hound that consisted of two fast loops and two starting lines. Loop A and Loop B each had their own starting lines, scheduled to go off simultaneously at 10 a.m. All riders contesting both loops started on Loop A, a 50-mile-long jaunt through the southeast portion of Lucerne Valley. One-loop riders raced on the 35-mile Loop B course before taking the checkered flag and calling it a day. Two-loop riders, however, would pit for gas after Loop A and then head out on Loop B all the way to the same finish that the one-loopers used.

"I got the holeshot, so I was blessed with that," said Rocket Rex Racing/Smith/BRP-backed Baumann. "Todd Hoy was off to my right, and I knew he was going to be pushing me because he's a real good rider. Every time I turned around, I could still see his dust."

In the dust behind Baumann and KTM550-mounted Hoy was new four-stroke pilot Donnie Morrison, Senior 250cc speedster Charlie Barney, Open classer Ron Schuler, KX250-mounted Kevin Smith and more than 200 other dusted-out racers who had turned out for round nine of the District 37 Desert Racing Series. Morrison got an excellent start for his first race on a brand-new bike.

"I was running sixth at the bomb and then I worked my way up to third, and then Charlie Barney got by me," said Morrison. "That old guy was going good. We were dicing back and forth for a while."

Barney and his Kawasaki of Riverside/DG-sponsored KX250 eventually made a pass on Morrison stick before the midway point of the first loop.

"It was a lot of fun," said Barney about his dice with Morrison. "I'd catch him in the valleys and in the sandy stuff. I think he got a little tired on his new four-stroke, so I got around him for good."

Loop A was not all fun and games for the race leader, however.

"I hit a rock that was disguised as a whoop in a rocky canyon," explained Baumann about his out-of-control flight through the air. "I was going straight for a canyon wall and landed like 10 feet before the wall. I never crashed, but in the air I started praying. That's how long I was in the air."

Even though he avoided a high-speed crash, Baumann was still not in the clear. At the gas stop, Baumann decided to bleed the air out of his front forks, giving Hoy plenty of time to catch up.

"I took off just as he was getting to his pit," Baumann said. "I knew if he saw my dust and he saw me and thought he could catch up to me, it would give him some incentive to ride harder. So I knew I had to go for it."

Moments after Hoy went out on Loop B to chase the leader, Barney pulled into the pits for gas heading up the Senior 250cc class. Schuler pitted in fourth, and Morrison thundered in in the fifth spot with the four-stroke lead. Smith was sixth and leading the 250cc class. YZ400F-mounted Brian Cunningham was in seventh, still a threat to Morrison's class-leading position, and Senior 250cc defending champ Kevin Hasten pitted in eighth, hoping to run down Barney.

While all the two-loopers were setting out on Loop B, KX80 rider Kurt Caselli was enjoying the sweet taste of victory at the one-loop finish. As he has done many times this year, Caselli came away with the overall win for the one-loop racers. Aboard a YZ250, S.B. Gaetz topped the Super Senior class three places behind Caselli.

Not long after heading out of the pits, Barney first realized that he was in second overall behind Baumann.

"I don't know what happened to Todd Hoy," said a confused but happy Barney about Hoy's misfortune. "I saw him going backwards coming back from the second loop."

Hoy was not the only front-runner to run into racing problems. Barney himself ran into problems that almost cost him a race finish.

"I rode half of the second loop with a rear flat and stepped off once in some rocks," said Barney, who toughed it out to the finish. "I went into survival mode after that. I've got big-time blisters, but hey, not bad for an old man."

Baumann's overall win gave him yet another Vet-class win, and everyone in attendance was impressed with Barney's second-place showing. Schuler held on to the top Open-class spot in third overall, followed by 250cc-class winner Smith. Morrison held on for the Four-Stroke win and CR500-mounted Brent Farrell made a pass around Hasten to take sixth overall. Hasten, Vet 250cc winner Chris Stewart, Cunningham and Gary Borstnar rounded out the top 10.

Other class-winning honors went to Morgan Crawford in the 200cc class and Nick Barlow, who finished first Intermediate in 35th overall.

Coincidentally, Morrison's Four-Stroke-class win was due in part to Baumann.

"I got a new bike and I'll ride in the stroker class now so I won't have to chase Abe (Baumann) anymore," said Morrison, who has diced it out with Baumann in the Open Vet class for the past year. "The new Yamaha worked good, though. I had a good time." CN

Huntington Beach MC Hare and Hound
Lucerne Valley, California
Results: March 22, 1998 (Round 9)

O/A: 1. Abe Baumann (Kaw); 2. Charlie Barney (Kaw); 3. Ron Schuler; 4. Kevin Smith (Kaw); 5. Donnie Morrison (Yam); 6. Brent Farrell (Hon); 7. Kevin Hasten (Yam); 8. Chris Stewart (Kaw); 9. Brian Cunningham (Yam); 10. Gary Borstnar.

OPEN NOV: 1. David Webb.

OPEN INT: 1. Douglas DuPue; 2. Dan Elkins.

OPEN EX: 1. Ron Schuler; 2. Brent Farrell (Hon); 3. Mike Baskin.

250 NOV: 1. Brian Waldbaum.

250 INT: 1. Nick Barlow (Kaw); 2. Mike Slonim; 3. Don Campbell.
250 EX: 1. Kevin Smith (Kaw).
200 EX: 1. Morgan Crawford (Kaw); 2. Matt Freeman (Kaw).
80 EX: 1. Kurt Caselli (Kaw).
4-STRK NOV: 1. Zack Dodson (Kaw).
4-STRK INT: 1. Tony Cordoba.
4-STRK EX: 1. Donnie Morrison (Yam); 2. Brian Cunningham (Yam).
WMN EX: 1. Michelle Cassella (Kaw).
VET OPEN EX: 1. Abe Baumann (Kaw).
VET 250 EX: 1. Chris Stewart (Kaw).
SR OPEN EX: 1. Rudy Abele (Kaw).
SR 250 EX: 1. Charlie Barney (Kaw); Kevin Hasten (Yam).
MAG INT: 1. Steve Freeman (Kaw); 2. Phil White (Hon).
S/SR: 1. S.B. Gaetz (Yam); 2. Ray Banfield (Yam).

AMA Mid-South Winter Hare Scrambles Series, Round 9

Bersano captures Cadiz HS

By Paul Michels

CADIZ, KY, MAR. 22

Aboard his Stephen's Sports Center Kawasaki, Blair Bersano took top honors at round nine of the AMA Pirelli/Moose Off-Road Mid-South Winter Hare Scrambles Series. The Western Trail Riders in Cadiz hosted the race on a phenomenal track and an even better afternoon.

Mike Sampson on his Great Daves TM shot into the early lead and held first at the end of the first of five laps on the 8.5-mile course. Bersano was second, followed by Chris Nesbitt on a Yamaha and John Maschino on another Great Daves TM; Tim Taber on his YZ held fifth at the lap's end. Sampson continued out front until about halfway through the second lap, when he slid out in a turn; Bersano was there to seize the moment - and the lead.

Bersano continued out front at the end of the lap - a lead he never relinquished for the rest of the race. Things didn't exactly go as planned, though.

"On the fourth lap, I was going a little too fast and endoed pretty bad," Bersano said. "I broke my hand-saver and front-brake lever off. That kind of took the wind out of my sails. I managed to stay in front of Sampson, though just barely."

Sampson closed the gap from about a minute behind in the middle of the race to just 10 seconds by the end, but still had to settle for second overall. Maschino came in a respectable third behind Sampson to make it a two-three TM finish. Taber took fourth, and Robert Kirschner finished fifth on his Suzuki after Nesbitt encountered problems and retired on lap four.

The hotly contested 250cc A class saw Steve Gordon on his Mid States Motorsports KX speed past KTM-mounted Chris Hicks on the fourth lap and never let up. Hicks held on for second.

The Vet A class also saw a great battle as Mike Cornett once again came out on top on his Yamaha over series rival Wade Perry on his Perry's Honda/Kawasaki-backed KX250.

Robert Patterson led the charge in the Four-Stroke A class on his Sarges Cycles YZ400F. Second was filled by John Roth on another Yamaha.

In the B classes, KTM-mounted Jeremy Kitchen and KX rider Keith Lane

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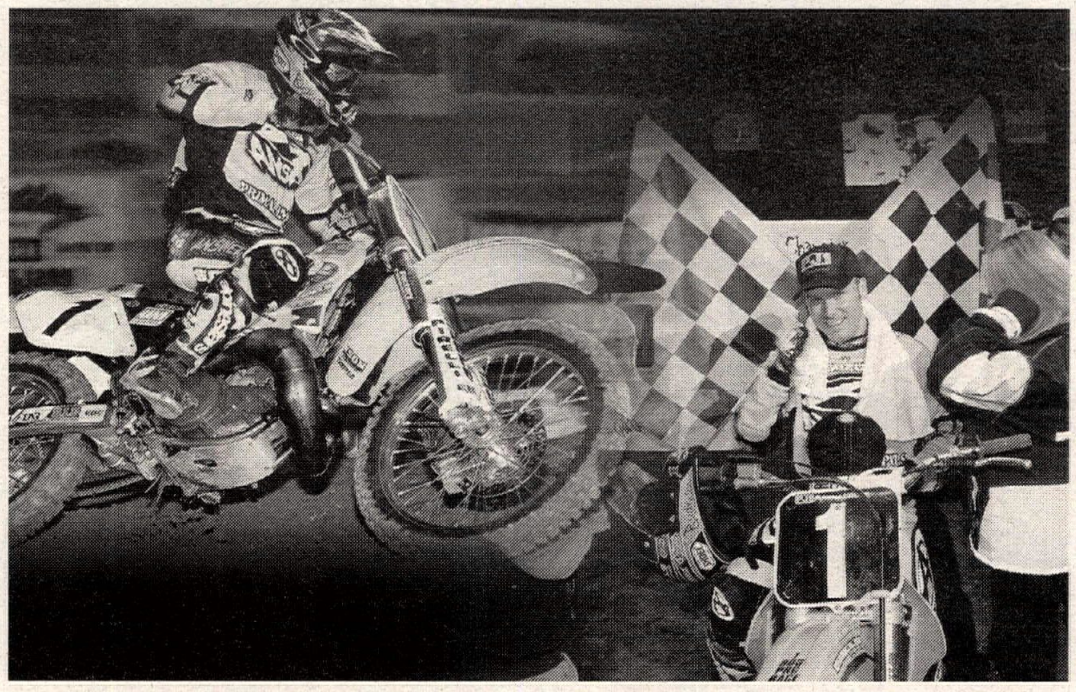

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(Above) Mark Cyre won the 125cc Pro class and finished second in the 250cc Pro class at round one of the KORR Motocross Championship Series, held at Green Acres MX in Marion, Kansas. (Top right) Wes Hale won the jump-off at the opening round of the RMXA Spring MX Series, held at Watkins Raceway in Aurora, Colorado. (Right) Dave Dotson (69) rode to the 500cc Sportsman Expert and Over 40 Expert class wins at the Peter Ford Spring Classic, held in Folsom, California.

raged all race long in the 250cc B class, but Kitchen got the nod at the checkers for the win. In the 200cc B class, Mike McCrea and Alan Westerfield had their KDXs cranking as they checked in at race's end just seconds apart, with McCrea taking the win.

The Open C class finished out with Trent Ashby besting Chad Hollis by just a few seconds for the win. CN

AMA Mid-South Winter HS Series
Cadiz, Kentucky
Results: March 22, 1998 (Round 9)

AA/PRO: 1. Blair Bersano (Kaw); 2. Mike Sampson (TM); 3. John Maschino (TM); 4. Tim Taber (Yam); 5. Robert Kirchner (Suz).

250 A: 1. Steven Gordon (Kaw); 2. Chris Hicks (KTM); 3. Paul Allen (KTM); 4. Gary Hendricks (Kaw); 5. Lance Smith (Yam).

VET A: 1. Michael Cornett (Yam); 2. Wade Perry (Kaw); 3. Scott Martin (Kaw); 4. Philip Barker (Hon); 5. Timmy O'Pool (Kaw).

OPEN A: 1. Lee Lankutis (KTM); 2. Jack Bailey (Hon); 3. Robert Lich (Kaw).

200 A: 1. Clint Robinson (Kaw); 2. Ryan Moss (Yam); Kevin Creekmur (Yam); 4. Thomas Campbell (Kaw); 5. Josh Scott (Kaw).

SR A: 1. Paul Michels (Hon); 2. Fletcher Lambert (Hus); 3. Billy Hall (Hon); 4. David Scottow (KTM); 5. Jerry Castleman (Kaw).

4-STRK A: 1. Robert Patterson (Yam); 2. John Roth (Yam); 3. Joey Harrell (Yam); 4. Steven Thomas (Kaw); 5. Rick Kinkelaar (Suz).

250 B: 1. Jeremy Ketchun (KTM); 2. Keith Lane (Kaw); 3. Rod Zyonhurst (Hon); 4. Billy Cooper (KTM); 5. Wesley Donaldson (Hon).

4-STRK B: 1. Billy Proffitt (Hon); 2. David Zanet (Kaw); 3. Marty Michels (Hon); 4. Michael Westerfield (Hon); 5. David Dougherty (Hon).

OPEN B: 1. Jason Dickey (KTM); 2. Dean Grewe (KTM); 3. Steven Holcomb (Yam); 4. Charles Lankford (Hus); 5. William Pherson (Kaw).

200 B: 1. Mike McCrea (Kaw); 2. Alan Westerfield (Kaw); 3. Ronald Skipper (Kaw); 4. Clay Hedgepath (KTM); 5. William Young (Kaw).

125 B: 1. Joey Still (Yam); 2. Joel Byron (Yam); 3. Dustin Gibson (Yam); 4. Mike Vandiver (Yam); 5. John Glaus (Kaw).

VET B: 1. Barry Brazier (Kaw); 2. Mark Wood (Hon); 3. Ricky Whitely (Kaw); 4. David Granderson (Suz); 5. Larry Keown (Yam).

SR B: 1. Joe Royal (KTM); 2. Ronnie Hackett (Suz); 3. Mike Taylor (KTM); 4. Leon Parker (Hon); 5. Larry Still (Hon).

S/SR: 1. John Giles (Yam); 2. Don Rye (Hon); 3. Chuck Rhoten (KTM); 4. Patrick Freiburger (Hon); 5. Lonnie Watson.

OPEN C: 1. Trent Ashby (Suz); 2. Chad Hollis (Kaw); 3. Jamie Hall (Hon); 4 Rob Gemmer (Kaw); 5. Shawn Monjoe (Hon).

200 C: 1. Derek Bratcher (Kaw); 2. Ronnie Frost (Kaw); 3. Scott Simmons (Kaw); 4. Russell Green (Kaw); 5. Barry McEntire (Kaw).

BEG: 1. Danny Moore (Hon); 2. Ross Jackson; 3. Brett Bell (Hon); 4. Brandon White (Kaw); 5. Charlie Marsh.

Cyre scythes through Green Acres Motocross

By Scooter Bell
Photo by Craig Cole

MARION, KS, MAR. 22

Green Acres MX was the place to be as Mark Cyre won the 125cc Pro class in the opening round of the 1998 KORR Motocross Championship Series.

In the first 125cc Pro moto, Cyre took the lead from the first turn and motored away. Eric Fritzson and Marc Gifford battled for second, with Dennis Burnett keeping an eye on the two. On lap two, Gifford passed Fritzson for second and tried to move up on Cyre, but Cyre made no mistakes and took the checkered flag, with Gifford, Fritzson and Burnett closing out the top four.

In the second moto, Burnett took the early lead, followed by Cyre, Fritzson and Gifford. Going into the second lap, Burnett fell and the field went by. Cyre tried to move away, but Fritzson and Gifford, racing close together, pushed Cyre. Finally, Fritzson made a slip and Gifford took second place. Gifford then pushed hard to catch Cyre with only one lap left. Gifford came up short and Cyre took the moto and overall win. Gifford finished second overall, with Fritzson and Burnett second and third.

Fritzson later came back to win the 250cc A class over Cyre.

The outcome of the 250cc C class was decided in the second moto. In the first moto, Darren Powell moved past Leon Williams and Jeremy Barrett to take the lead. The white flag came out with Powell still ahead of Williams and Barrett. Meanwhile, Jason Church and Paul Haack moved up to challenge for the second and third spots. As the first moto ended, Powell held off Williams, Barrett and Church for the win.

The track really became fast as the second moto started, with Barrett motoring by Williams to take the top spot. Williams kept Barrett in sight but could not make the pass. Meanwhile, Powell, who won the first moto, was running in third and being pressured by Church and Daryl Walter, who was working his way up from the back of the pack. The checkered flag flew with Barrett winning the second moto to finish 3-1, winning the overall. Williams went 2-2 for second, while Powell posted a 1-3 for third overall.

Results

P/W: 1. Cody Agler; 2. Chris Thies; 3. Sydney Waner; 4. Kimber Hardey; 5. Cassie Agler.

60: 1. Robert Spear; 2. Allan Hartigan; 3. Josh Gilman; 4. Mike Statler.

WMN: 1. Jessica Spear.

80 JR (7-11): 1. Blake Dunn; 2. Andy Williams; 3. Trevor Smith.

80 SR (10-15): 1. Travis Murray; 2. Josh Luinstra; 3. Kyle Smith; 4. Ryan Nett; 5. Jamie Brown.

SCHBY: 1. Doug Milford; 2. Josh Luinstra; 3. Jeff Walter; 4. Brett Mickey.

125 C: 1. Peter Stevens; 2. Doug Milford; 3. Sheldon Herrman; 4. Josh Luinstra; 5. Gary Lockwood.

125 B: 1. Dayne Eaton; 2. Matt Smith; 3. Bobby Bills; 4. Ryan Cox; 5. Justin Steeby.

125 A: 1. Mark Cyre; 2. Marc Gifford; 3. Eric Fritzson; 4. Dennis Burnett.

250 C: 1. Jeremy Barrett; 2. Leon Williams; 3. Darren Powell; 4. Jason Church; 5. Daryl Walter.

250 A: 1. Eric Fritzson; 2. Mark Cyre.

250 B: 1. Dan Hickey; 2. Brian Krutz; 3. Carl Keough; 4. Mark Sunneberg; 5. Derrick Creech.

OPEN: 1. Matt Smith; 2. Bobby Bills; 3. Darcy Sevart.

VET: 1. Eric Thies; 2. Ron Hardey; 3. Greg Gilman.

40+: 1. Rob Lamberts; 2. Harold Beavers; 3. Daryl Walter; 4. George Stout; 5. Marlin Hitschmann.

50+: 1. Michael Morland; 2. Tom Hunt.

VINT: 1. Fred Traskowsky.

POST-VINT +5: 1. Jonas Heckey; 2. Marty Morland; 3. Chris Tate; 4. Matt Stewart; 5. Mike Durst.

POST-VINT +10: 1. Keith Lindemann; 2. Ron Schrader.

Guerine wins at RMXA Spring Motocross Series opener

By Gregory K. Corns
Photo by Dawn Winczewski

AURORA, CO, MAR. 15

Racers and spectators alike were treated to a wonderful day of racing at the Rocky Mountain Motocross Association's Spring Series opener, held at Watkins Raceway. Kawasaki ace Darin Guerine rode away with the Over 25 B-class overall win and Suzuki pilot Wes Hale, from Thorton, Colorado, won the jump-off and took home a free tire and a bundle of cash.

Darin Guerine captured the holeshot and put his KX250 out front early in the Over 25 B class but, midway through the first lap, a downed Over 25 A rider (a two-gate start combined the Over 25 A and Over 25 B classes) at the base of the 90-foot tabletop brought out the yellow flag and allowed the pack to bunch up. One turn later, 6-foot-5-inch-tall Racers Edge-backed Erik Casey capitalized and hopped into the lead. Casey's efforts were short-lived, however, as a faulty exhaust system forced him to retire to the pits prematurely. Guerine regained the lead, with Boulder Yamaha's Douglas O'Neill in hot pursuit, followed by Nicholas Susco on a YZ and with Loveland Honda/Bridgestone/Pro Circuit's Johnny Clifford holding down the fourth position. Guerine took the checkers with the win, and Susco and Clifford were able to get past O'Neill for second and third, respectively, with O'Neill settling for fourth.

Claiming the holeshot in moto two, Casey proved dominant as he piloted his CR to the front with a commanding lead. O'Neill held down second while a true battle for third broke out between Yamaha rider Doug Brooknan, Clifford and Guerine. The three diced it out for position until midmoto, when Brooknan began to fade, giving Clifford and Guerine the opportunity to fight for third. Guerine accepted the challenge and moved into third, taking the overall win with a 1-3 finish. Out front, Casey's comfortable lead secured the moto-two win and, with an 11-1 finish, he was able to round out the top five overall. O'Neill took second, Clifford got third and Susco took fourth overall.

During the halftime intermission in between the morning and afternoon programs, Colorado Motorsports (a Yamaha/Suzuki dealership in Castle Rock, Colorado) sponsored a freestyle/jump-off contest wherein seven Colorado aerialists aired it out for a free tire and a bundle of cash. Candy bars, no-hander landings, nac-nacs, tail-whips and heel-clickers were the maneuvers of the day. Even local female pro Brookie Renker, a crowd favorite, showed her stuff as she aired out her Yamaha with no-footers over the 90-foot tabletop. The winnings went to Hale as the applause rung just a little louder for his pancaked RM250 than it did for the heel-clicker of Rocky Johnson on his KX125.

Results

50 (4-6): 1. Garrett Tyrrell (KTM); 2. Travis McGray (KTM); 3. Bradley McBride (KTM); 4. Tanner Gross; 5. Nathan De Andrea (KTM).

50 (4-8): 1. Lucas Smith (Yam); 2. Tanner Williams (Suz); 3. T.J. Lucero (Suz); 4. Tanner Gross.

50 (7-8): 1. Andrew Valdez (Cob); 2. Zach Larson (Act); 3. Jacob Musselman (KTM); 4. Dalton Moyer (Cob); 5. Ricky LaMontagne (Act).

50 OPEN (0-9): 1. Andrew Valdez (Cob); 2. Dalton Moyer (Cob), 3. Zach Larson (Act); 4. Ricky LaMontagne (Act); 5. Colton Fetterolf (Cob).

60 (6-8): 1. Blaine Hiser (Kaw); 2. Aaron McClintock (Kaw); 3. Andrew Valdez (Kaw); 4. Daniel Olszewski (Kaw); 5. Badis Brown (Kaw).

60 (9-11): 1. Shane Willms (Kaw); 2. James Rail (Kaw); 3. Derik Brewster (Kaw); 4. L.J. Zwertig (Kaw); 5. Jeremiah Warmuth (Kaw).

80 (7-11): 1. Lance Hiser; 2. Kyle Stroud (Yam); 3. Michael Cardel (Suz), 4. Derik Brewster (Suz); 5. Cody Rivera (Hon).

80 (12-13): 1. Marc Warmuth (Hon); 2. Adam Luhrs (Suz); 3. Tony Valdez (Suz); 4. Brandon McGray (Suz); 5. Joey Sherdon (Hon).

80 (14-16): 1. Aaron Wersinger (Hon); 2. Gavin Beissel (Suz).

S/MINI: 1. Tony Valdez (Suz); 2. Brandon McGray (Suz); 3. Aaron Wersinger (Hon); 4. Gavin Beissel (Suz); 5. Tony Dianny (Hon).

YTH BEG: 1. Nathan Mulholland (Yam); 2. Cody Rivera (Hon); 3. Bobby Burkitt (Kaw); 4. Dustin Trujillo (Suz); 5. Kyle Schaffer (Kaw).

OPEN BEG: 1. James Funk (Kaw); 2. Corey Miller (Hon); 3. Richard Gallovich (Kaw); 4. Chad Hunter (Hon); 5. John Blatz (Yam).

125 SCHBY: 1. Clifford Stroud (Yam); 2. Logan Darien (Kaw); 3. Preston Puchek (Kaw); 4. Dustin Lookhart (Kaw); 5. Michael Archuletta (Suz).

16-24: 1. Bobby Fitch (Kaw); 2. Josh Lehnherr (Hon); 3. Danny Lookhart (Yam); 4. Aaron Bertsch (Yam), 5. Jeremy Kanter (Hon).

125 C: 1. James Funk (Kaw); 2. Michael Archuletta (Suz); 3. Chad Hunter (Hon); 4. Matthew Hebane (Hon); 5. Arthur Drouillard (Hon).

125 B: 1. Chad Zulian (Kaw); 2. Clifford Stroud (Yam); 3. Preston Puchek (Kaw); 4. Ryan Rozinski (Kaw); 5. Darren Duran (Yam).

125 A: 1. Bobby Fitch (Kaw); 2. Wes Hale (Suz), 3. Kevin Hall (Suz); 4. Bryan Sabbaugh (Hon); 5. Adam Nazarenus (Hon).

250 C: 1. David Barr (Kaw); 2. Ron Curry; 3. Richard Larson (Yam); 4. Todd Dyer (Yam); 5. Nicholas Zinevich (Hon).

250 B: 1. Chad Zulian (Kaw); 2. Clint Tellett (Yam); 3. Aaron Bertsch (Yam); 4. Josh Lehnherr (Hon); 5. Curtis Elworthy (Hon).

250 A: 1. Kevin Hall (Suz); 2. Wes Hale (Suz); 3. Andrew Brannon (Yam); 4. Lance Park (Yam); 5. Jeremy Kanter (Hon).

25+ B: 1. Darin Guerine (Kaw); 2. Douglas O'Neill (Yam); 3. Johnny Clifford (Hon); 4. Nicholas Susco (Yam); 5. Erik Casey (Hon).

25+ A: 1. Kevin Foley (Yam); 2. David Danko (Yam); 3. Steve Stewart (Yam); 4. Bryan Sabbauh (Hon); 5. Jeff Kuntz (Yam).

30+ C: 1. Ethan Bertsch (Yam); 2. Timothy Stevenson (Hon); 3. Richard Larson (Yam); 4. Richard Gallovich (Kaw); 5. Gregory Corns (Yam).

30+ B: 1. Nick Kausoukos (Hon); 2. Johnny Clifford (Hon); 3. Randy Rengstorf (Hon); 4. Les Torgerson; 5. Nicholas Susco (Yam).

30+ A: 1. Kevin Foley (Yam); 2. David Danko (Yam); 3. Steve Stewart (Yam); 4. Joe Arnold (Kaw); 5. Jeff Quenzer (Yam).

40+ C: 1. Scott Norrison (Hon); 2. Stephen Halasz (Yam); 3. Roger Kent (Yam); 4. Richard Gallovich (Kaw); 5. Kenneth Hruby (Hon).

40+ B: 1. Bruce Jones; 2. Joe Olszewski (Suz).

40+ A: 1. Michael Marshall (Hon); 2. Jeffrey George (Yam); 3. David Pickert (Kaw); 4. Dale Winczewski (Yam).

WMN (NON-EX): 1. Layne Gibson (Kaw); 2. Rhonda Jinkus (Hon); 3. Kelly Spring (Yam); 4. Dawn Harthan (Yam); 5. Tressa Smith.

WMN EX: 1. Brookie Renker (Yam); 2. Laura Little (Hon); 3. Cheryl Place (Yam); 4. Dawn Winczewski (Yam); 5. Cynthia Bennett (KTM).

Dotson on at Peter Ford Spring Classic Motocross

By Bill Spencer

FOLSOM, CA, MAR. 22

After three tries, the lord commanded, thou shalt run an AHRMA Vintage MX - finally. Despite morning rains, the Peter Ford Spring Classic was run on a virgin grass track next to the Hangtown National track, and Dave Dotson took two big wins in both the 500cc Sportsman and Over 40 Expert divisions. Dotson got plenty of challenges from Ken Vandehoof and Donn Anderson, but when Vandehoof missed a shift on the last lap of the last moto, the KTM racer had four moto wins and dual trophies.

Darryl Alcorn topped the opening Over 40 Intermediate show in both motos, while Steve

Lacey won the Over 50 first round, led the first two laps of the second moto, and decided that second would be just fine behind George Smith. A three-way tie for second in the Over 40 class was decided by Rick Dyer's combo of a 5-2 over Bill Goldfoos' 4-3 and Jerry Winkelbauer's 3-4.

Matt Rohr did exactly that in both rounds of the Open Twin class on his sporty Triumph, with Ken Corpe second in both rounds. Clark Sumner was tops in the Intermediate class and Pete Silva topped the Novice division over Bill Rianda. Silva rides for free now that he is over 70 years old.

Doyle Cook had back-to-back wins in the 125cc Classic class but could only mount a third in the Classic 250cc division behind winner Rob Poole and runner-up Joe McCoy. McCoy stole the holeshot in the first moto on his 250cc Cheney in front of Dick Mann's Goldstar and held on for the win, but a bad start in the second round combined with a boo-boo by "Buggs" (Mann) gave Poole the win. In that second moto, Intermediate Frank Rodgers had the best round and won the overall.

Mann came back to win both motos of the Premier Lightweight class over stunt man Gary Davis and Peter Cruttenden, while Lynn Boyer topped the Intermediate class. Donn Anderson was the top dude in the Over 30 division, topping Sumner and Jeff Mitchell.

Corpe came back to win the Premier Open Twin class after a race-long battle with Davis had both riders huffing and puffing at the checkers. Mike Atkins won the Premier 500cc class over Poole, while John McCoy topped Fred Mork in the Intermediate division.

Results

30+: T. Donn Anderson (Hus); 2. Clark Sumner (Suz); 3. Jeff Mitchell (Hon).
40+ NOV: 1. Louis Hamel (CZ); 2. Michael Campbell (CZ); 3. Gill Driscoll (Suz).
40+ INT: 1. Darryl Alcorn (Hus); 2. Rick Dyer (Hus); 3. Bill Goldfoos (Ric).
40+ EX: 1. Dave Dotson (KTM); 2. Ken Vandehoof (CZ); 3. Steve Erickson (Mon).
50+ NOV: 1. Joe Cook (BSA); 2. Kay Mann (BSA); 3. Ed Meagor (BSA).
50+ INT: 1. George Smith (Hus); 2. Steve Lacey (Hon); 3. Jerry Brown (Hus).
50+ EX: 1. Doyle Cook (Suz); 2. Bill McClinton (BSA).
60+ NOV: 1. Richard Mayer (Hon); 2. Jim MacDonald (Gre); 3. Mel Shapiro (Oss).
CLSSC 125: 1. Doyle Cook (Ric); 2. Russ Held (Pen); 3. Rustin Banks (Hon).
CLSSC 250 NOV: 1. Ron Gresham (Gre); 2. Bryan Wenzel (Gre); 3. Gill Driscoll (Ame).
CLSSC 250 INT: 1. Jerry Brown (AJS); 2. John Ford (Tri).
CLSSC 250 EX: 1. Rob Poole (BSA); 2. Joe McCoy (Che); 3. Doyle Cook (Tri).
CLSSC 500 NOV: 1. Ed Meagor (BSA); 2. Kay Mann (BSA); 3. Mike Lightfoot (BSA).
CLSSC 500 INT: 1. Frank Rodgers (BSA); 2. Dave Walden (Tri); 3. John Proto (BSA).
CLSSC 500 EX: 1. Mike Atkins (BSA); 2. Dick Mann (BSA).
WMN INT/NOV: 1. Debbie Poole (CZ); 2. Teresa Fonseca (Kaw).
SPTSMN OPEN TW: 1. Matt Rohr (Tri); 2. Ken Corpe (BSA); 3. Clark Sumner (Tri).
SPTSMN 125: 1. Mark LaCurelle (Hon); 2. Dave Kell (Hon); 3. Russ Held (Yam).
SPTSMN 250: 1. Steve Erickson (Mon); 2. Mark LaCurelle (Hon); 3. Dave Helwier (Yam).
SPTSMN 350 NOV: 1. Charles Ditmore (Yam); 2. Carlos Romero (Yam); 3. Sean Dotson (Kaw).
SPTSMN 500 NOV: 1. Joe Cook (BSA); 2. Marc Szura (CZ); 3. Charles Ditmore (Mai).
SPTSMN 500 INT: 1. Derek Allen (Bul); 2. Sam Vandehoof (Bul).
SPTSMN 500 EX: 1. Dave Dotson (KTM); 2. Ken Vandehoof (CZ); 3. Donn Anderson (Hus).
PREM L/W: 1. Dick Mann (BSA); 2. Gary Davis (Hon); 3. Peter Cruttendon (BSA).
PREM OPEN TW: 1. Ken Corpe (BSA); 2. Gary Davis (Tri).
PREM 500 INT: 1. John McCoy (Ric-Hus); 2. Fred Mork (Eso).
PREM 500 EX: 1. Mike Atkins (Mat-BSA); 2. Rob Poole (BSA).

Atkins cooks at McCook Motocross opener

By Matt Draper

McCOOK, NE, MAR. 22

Vickery Motorsports' Andy Atkins powered his Sass Porting/Kawasaki Team Green KX250 to a pair of Expert-class victories during round one of the Cornhusker Motocross Circuit Championship Series at McCook, Nebraska's southwest raceway. Track owner and CMC regular Steve Fritz made certain the track was groomed to perfection, including the heart-stopping 110-foot canyon double jump, the circuit's signature obstacle. Atkins swept the four motos in which he competed, taking home the top money in the 250cc Expert and Open Outlaw classes.

Atkins had his work cut out for him at the start of the first 250cc Expert moto, as the fast-starting Adam Zarda pulled a clean holeshot. Following the lead twosome was North Platte's Sam Fhuere and Denver's Rocky Johnson. The action was up front, however, as Zarda and Atkins engaged in very close racing. On lap three, Atkins made his move on Zarda, putting the hammer down in the whoops and completing the pass. At the same moment, Zarda nearly

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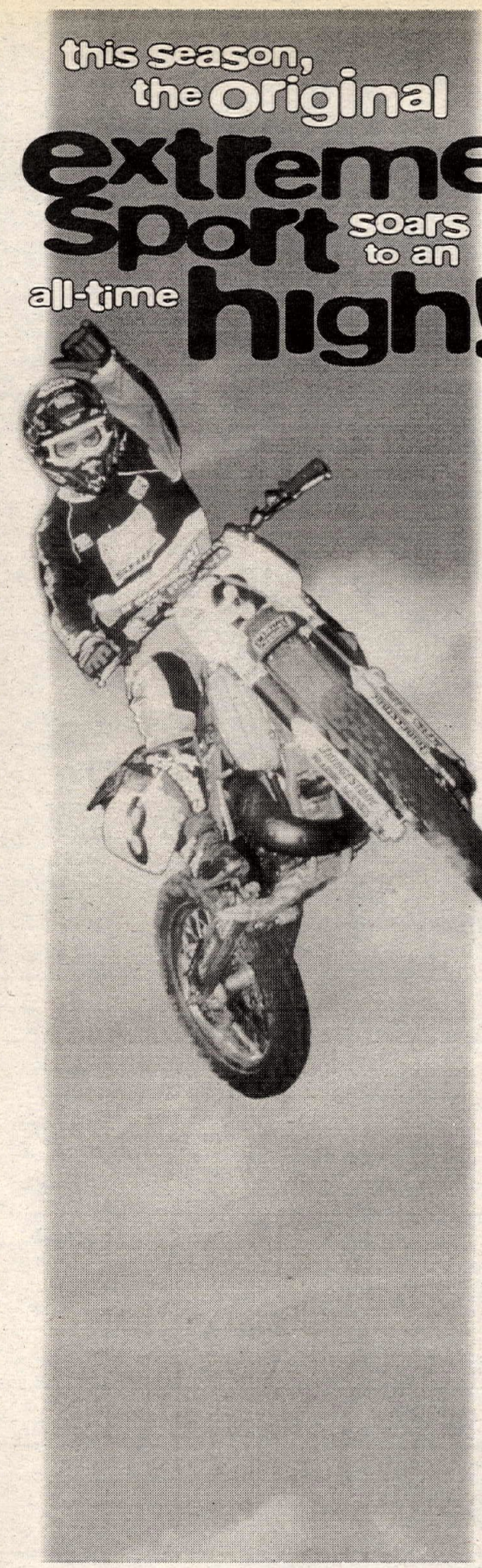

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Andy Atkins (31) powers past Adam Zarda (542) to take the 250cc Expert win during round one of the Cornhusker Championship MX Series, held at McCook MX in Nebraska. Atkins also flew to the win in the Open Outlaw class.

threw it away, losing precious time to the consistent Atkins. Atkins continued his mistake-free ways to take the opening-moto win. Zarda regrouped and held off a charging Fhuere for second, while Johnson finished a lonely fourth. Kevin Hall rounded out the top five aboard his Suzuki.

Yamaha rider Keith Underhill, who had a forgettable sixth-place finish in the first moto, turned things around to grab the holeshot in moto two, ahead of Atkins, Fhuere and Johnson. Underhill, from Hill City, Kansas, held the point until lap two, when Atkins took over and set sail for the win. Underhill seemed to feed on Atkins' momentum and maintained the blistering lead pace until the latter stages of the moto. On lap three, Johnson displaced Fhuere for third and the top four stayed the same until the finish. Atkins topped the list with 1-1 perfection, while Johnson's consistent 4-3 scores earned him the second-place money. Third overall went to Fhuere with a 3-4, while Underhill's 6-2 and Hall's 5-5 rounded out the top five.

Results

P/W: 1. Tyler Budke (Hon); 2. Samantha Wheelbarger (Yam).

60: 1. Craig Fritz (Kaw); 2. David Swisher (Kaw); 3. Ricky Draper (Kaw); 4. Anthony Fhuere (Kaw); 5. Daniel Simmons (Kaw).

80 C: 1. Ricky Draper (Kaw); 2. Patrick Davidson (Kaw); 3. Nathan Johnson (Hon); 4. Ryan Wheelbarger (Kaw); 5. Billy Schroeder (Yam).

80 B: 1. Todd Ellis (Yam); 2. Craig Fritz (Hon); 3. Greg Pollnow (Hon).

80 A: 1. Matthew Fhuere (Kaw); 2. Lance Underhill (Yam); 3. Brian Larsen (Kaw); 4. Carl Fritz (Kaw).

125 C: 1. Kelly Turney (Hon); 2. Michael Archuletta (Suz); 3. Paul Haack (Hon); 4. Mark Larson (Suz); 5. Nick Eicke (Suz).

125 B: 1. Marshall McCarty (Yam); 2. Josh Ellis (Yam); 3. Rod Larson (Yam); 4. Randon Peters (Yam); 5. Eric Budke (Yam).

125 A: 1. Sam Fhuere (Kaw); 2. Rocky Johnson (Kaw); 3. Kevin Hall (Suz); 4. Keith Underhill (Yam); 5. Adam Zarda (Kaw).

250 C: 1. Jeff Landen (Kaw); 2. Steve Swisher (Kaw); 3. Greg Bender (Hon); 4. Mark Franzen (Hon); 5. Paul Haack (Hon).

250 B: 1. Corey Bohl (Hon); 2. Chad Johnson (Hon); 3. Troy Post (Hon); 4. Jeff Caldwell (Hon); 5. Justin Worning (Suz).

250 A: 1. Andy Atkins (Kaw); 2. Rocky Johnson (Kaw); 3. Sam Fhuere (Kaw); 4. Keith Underhill (Yam); 5. Kevin Hall (Suz).

OPEN OUTLAW: 1. Andy Atkins (Kaw); 2. Kevin Hall (Suz); 3. Sam Fhuere (Kaw); 4. Rocky Johnson (Kaw); 5. Keith Underhill (Yam).

VET 40: 1. Stan Huffman (Kaw); 2. Rod Larson (Yam); 3. Ron Slingsby (Hon); 4. Mike Durst (Hon); 5. Blake Rossmiller (Hon).

VET 25: 1. Mike Fhuere (Kaw); 2. Terry Pulec (Yam).

SCHBY: 1. Marshall McCarty (Suz); 2. Lance Underhill (Yam); 3. Kelly Turney (Yam); 4. Jeff Landen (Hon).

VET C: 1. Terry Pulec (Yam); 2. Greg Bender (Hon); 3. Mike Banahan; 4. Joey Wright (Yam); 5. Allan Simmons (Hon).

VET B: 1. Troy Post (Hon); 2. Mike Fhuere (Kaw).

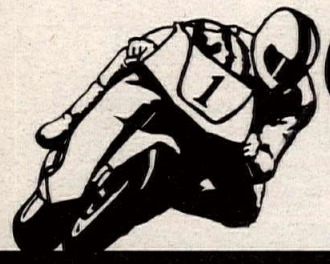
VET A: 1. Ronnie Wallace (Yam); 2. Jon Graff (Yam); 3. Matt Fhuere (Kaw); 4. Dan Burns (Yam); 5. Stan Huffman (Kaw).

Welch a double winner at Budds Creek Motocross

By Jerry Athey

BUDDS CREEK, MD, MAR. 15

1997 AMA District 7 125 and 250cc class champion Tom Welch scored double overall wins at the opening round of the 1998 District 7 Expert Motocross Series, held at Budds Creek MX Park. Welch, who just one week prior to the event qualified for the Daytona 250cc Supercross



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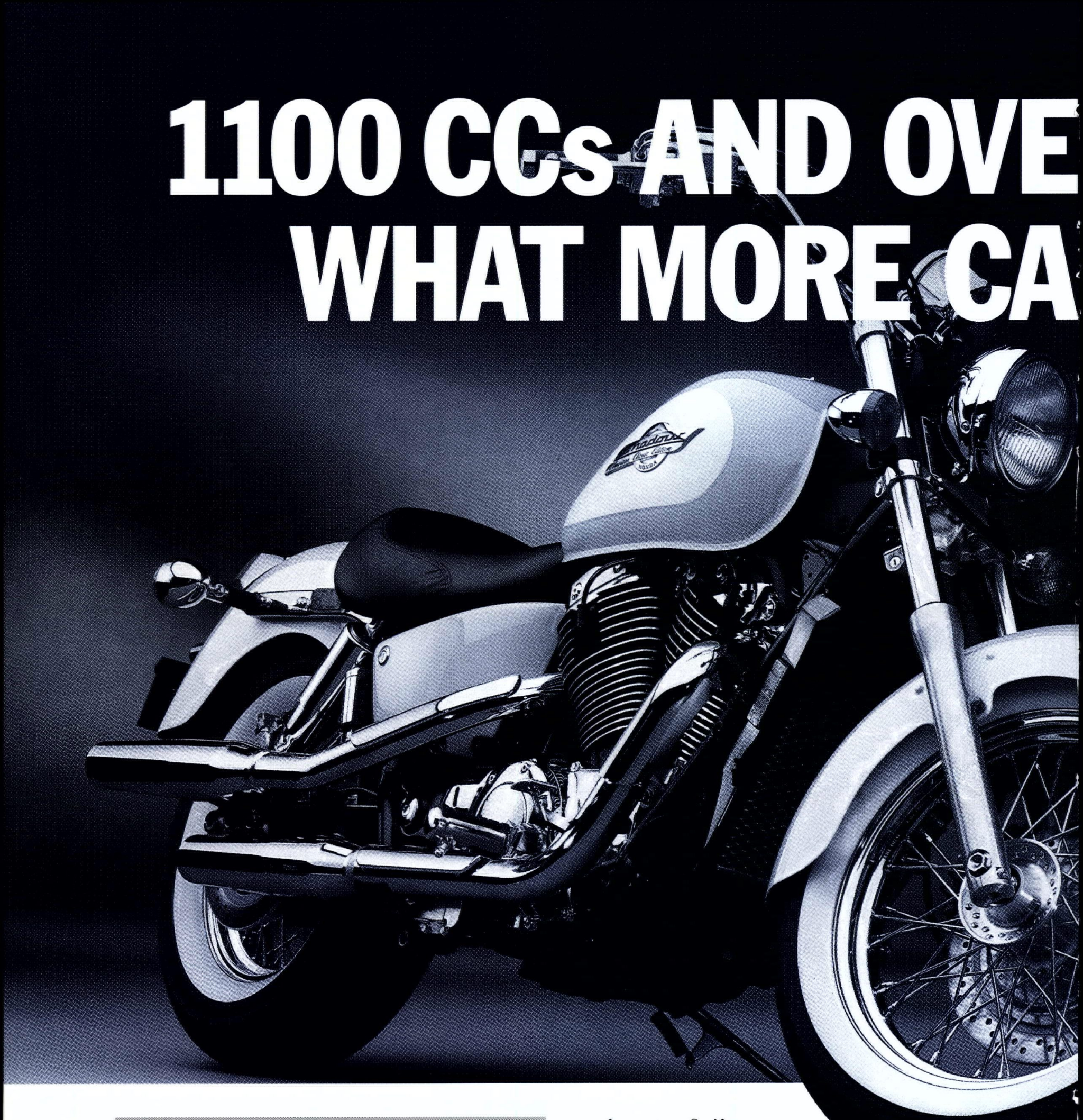

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Brian Sullivan (519) leads eventual Over 25 A-class winner Tom Welch (116) in the opening round of the District 7 Expert MX Series, held at Budds Creek MX Park in Maryland. Welch also won the 125cc A class on the day.

main, raged to a four-moto sweep of the 125cc A and Over 25 A classes on his JT Motorsports Suzuki.

Welch began his onslaught on the District 7 series by taking the holeshot in the first 125cc A moto, followed closely by Joseph Schueler and Ronnie Miller. Welch went on to take the uncontested moto victory, ahead of a strong and steady Schueler. National Pro Billy Schlag rolled in for third, dropping the fast-starting Miller to fourth. Suzuki rider Nathan Juergens rounded out the top five.

The second 125cc A holeshot went to Kawasaki rider Pete Malyj, followed closely by Juergens and Schueler, while Welch rounded the first turn in fifth. On the second lap, Welch and Juergens made their respective moves for the lead position as the pair simultaneously doubled past Malyj on Budds Creek's infamous "Big Gulp" downhill double jump! On the next lap, Welch flew past Juergens for the lead and never looked back, pulling out to a seven-second lead by the end of the moto. Schlag charged his way into second, followed by Malyj, Schueler and Juergens.

Welch's overall win in the Over 25 A class would follow a similar pattern. After taking the holeshot and running away with the first-moto win over Jay Rassa, Jeff Grove, Michael Moore and Ted Orr, Welch found himself having to once again play catch-up in the second moto. As the pack roared down the new high-speed start straight, it was KTM-mounted Brian Sullivan, the district's number-two Vet A rider, taking the holeshot, shadowed by the Suzuki of Welch. Welch made his move for the lead early, as he dived under Sullivan on one of the track's difficult off-camber turns. Moore moved into second later on the same lap, pursued by Rassa, Sullivan and Grove. Welch crossed the line for his fourth moto victory of the day, serving notice that he will once again be the rider to beat in AMA District 7 motocross. Moore finished in the runner-up position, followed by Rassa, Grove and Sullivan.

Results

60 (7-11): 1. Diego Becerra (Kaw); 2. Steven Montgomery (Kaw).

60 (10-11): 1. Joshua Campbell (Kaw); 2. Andrew Kronel (Kaw); 3. Michael Stengel (Kaw).

80 (7-11): 1. Dustin Kendall (Kaw); 2. Joseph Cicala (Hon); 3. Martin Page (Kaw).

80 (12-13): 1. Matthew Schueler (Hon); 2. Cory Vernon (Hon); 3. Jeremy Karsh (Hon); 4. Joseph Skanilis (Hon); 5. Ronald Homer (Hon).

80 (14-15): 1. Jeffrey Mount (Kaw); 2. Craig Whittington (Kaw); 3. Frank Flippo (Hon); 4. Josh Green (Hon); 5. Sean Johnson (Suz).

80 D: 1. Andrew Stevens (Kaw); 2. Stephanie Perron (Kaw); 3. Ryan Kersey (Hon); 4. Wayne Sims (Hon); 5. Scott Keller (Yam).

125 A: 1. Tom Welch (Suz); 2. Billy Schlag (Yam); 3. Joseph Schueler (Yam); 4. Pete Malyj (Kaw); 5. Nathan Juergens (Suz).

125 B: 1. Shane Bartholf (Kaw); 2. James Morgan (Hon); 3. Billy Burnham (Suz); 4. Michael Sigmund (Kaw); 5. Jim Moss (Hon).

125 C: 1. Kevin Beach (Yam); 2. Zach Smith (Yam); 3. Corey Hornes (Kaw); 4. Edgar Wine (Kaw); 5. Daniel Wood (Yam).

125 D: 1. Patrick Donovan (Hon); 2. Richard Paul (Kaw); 3. Ronald White (Kaw); 4. Chris Lephew (Suz); 5. Jesse Voklert (Yam).

250 A: 1. Jason Conlon (Suz); 2. Joseph Schueler (Yam); 3. Jeff Grove (Suz); 4. Jay Rassa (Hon); 5. Pete Malyj (Kaw).

250 B: 1. Billy Saner (Kaw); 2. John Milton (Kaw); 3. Kevin Randolph (Kaw); 4. Earl Mayberry (Hon); 5. Tony Pare (Yam).

250 C: 1. Jim Janke (Kaw); 2. David Sugrue (Hon); 3. Michael Yowalski (Yam); 4. Jason Heiger (Hon); 5. Robert Colan (Yam).

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250 D: 1. Ronald White (Kaw); 2. Steve Jubelski (Hon); 3. Mark Izzo (Yam); 4. Steve Cox (Hon); 5. Ronnie McCallum (Hon).

OPEN A: 1. Jay Rassa (Hon); 2. Jason Conlon (Hon); 3. Brian Sullivan (KTM); 4. Ronnie Miller (Suz); 5. Michael Richards (Yam).

OPEN B: 1. Larry Kelly (Suz); 2. James Churn (Hon); 3. Frank Whigham (Kaw); 4. Jeffrey Ciotti (Kaw); 5. James Travis (Hon).

25+ A: 1. Tom Welch (Suz); 2. Jay Rassa (Hon); 3. Michael Moore (Kaw); 4. Jeff Grove (Suz); 5. Brian Sullivan (KTM).

25+ B: 1. Brendan O'Donnoghue (Yam); 2. Mark Endre (Kaw); 3. Earl Mayberry (Hon); 4. David Canesi (Kaw); 5. John Gonzales (Hon).

VET A: 1. Michael Moore (Kaw); 2. Ted Orr (Suz); 3. David Sorter (Kaw); 4. Joseph Turner (Kaw); 5. Scott Seville (Suz).

VET B: 1. David Canesi (Kaw); 2. Donnie Mills (Suz); 3. Robert Dols (Suz); 4. Tony Holloway (Hon); 5. Harvey Holcombe (Kaw).

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SR: 1. William Speleos (Yam); 2. Doug Wentzell (Yam); 3. Carter Mackewicz (Hon); 4. John Kirk (Hon); 5. Kevin Kellough (Hon).

U/L A: 1. James Morgan (Hon); 2. John Milton (Kaw); 3. Kenneth Rand (Yam); 4. Michael Sigmund (Kaw); 5. Mark Endre (Kaw).

4-STRK: 1. Chris Rhoten (Yam); 2. Bruce Zimmerman; 3. Jason Palmer (Yam); 4. Gordon Benson (Suz); 5. Mike Giannasca (Hon).

Williams wins LACR Motocross

By Greg Robertson

PALMDALE, CA, MAR. 22

Kevin Williams put his N-Style/Flum Racing-sponsored YZ80 in the winner's circle with consistent 1-2 finishes to claim the 80cc Beginner-class overall honors at Los Angeles County Raceway during round three of California Racing Club's American Red Cross Charity Series.

First-round action saw Cory Baldwin lead the pack on the opening lap, with Williams, Randall Hall and Erik Fausette in tow. Baldwin ran out front for a little over a lap before going down in the sand and dropping to the back of the pack. From that point on, the race belonged to Williams as he slowly pulled away from Hall to win the moto. Adam Gragg overcame a mid-pack start to take third over Jamie Dietz and Fausette.

The second moto was a Baldwin benefit as the Antelope Valley Kawasaki-Yamaha backed YZ80 rider led from the drop of the gate to the checkers. Williams gated in second and would keep Baldwin in sight the entire distance, which was good enough to collect the first-place trophy. Dietz held off Fausette to finish third in the moto, but Hall picked up second-place brass with 2-4 finishes over the 4-3 of Dietz. Baldwin's ninth-place come-from-behind first-moto effort coupled with the second-moto win gave him fourth over Gragg's 3-7 score.

Bo Williams worked his way around Jeff Ramboldt on the second lap of the first 125cc Beginner moto to eventually pull away for the first-moto win. Chris Resnick got around David McManus for third, with Jeffrey Verseput taking fifth.

Williams had his work cut out for him in the second moto after having a disastrous first lap and finding himself in last place. Williams worked his way all the way up to third place by lap three. At the midpoint, he pushed Verseput back to third and had front-runner Ramboldt in his sights. Williams proved to be the fastest rider on the track, passing Ramboldt with a lap remaining to sew up the overall win. Ramboldt went 2-2 for second overall. Verseput held off Resnick for third in the moto, but Resnick beat him by a point for third in the final standings.

(Above) Tom Welch (116) was unstoppable at round two of the U.S. Eastern MX Spring Series, held at Birch Creek Motorsports Park in Danville, Virginia. Welch worked hard to win all four 125 and 250cc Pro motos. (Right) With a 1-2 moto score, Kevin Williams won the 80cc Beginner class during round three of the CRC's American Red Cross Charity Series, held at LACR in Palmdale, California.

Results

P/W BEG: 1. Chris Plouffe (KTM); 2. Armando Aquilar (KTM); 3. Chris Whyte (KTM); 4. Donnel Lopez Jr. (KTM); 5. Ethan Flores (KTM).

P/W YAM (4-6): 1. Dylan Pemberton (Yam); 2. Chase Lippie (Yam); 3. David Pedder (Yam); 4. Edwardo Carrillo (Yam); 5. Brandon Blyth (Yam).

P/W YAM (7-9): 1. Cale Summerford (Yam); 2. Rodulfo Blanco (Yam); 3. A.J. Horton (Yam).

S/STK (4-6): 1. Jacob Buelna (Lem).

S/STK (7-9): 1. Shawn Butler (Cob); 2. Nicholas Evans (KTM); 3. Preston Lundin (KTM); 4. Jacob Morrow (KTM); 5. Dylan Kuhn (Lem).

MOD (7-9): 1. Tanner Langham (KTM); 2. Tylor Hemme (Cob).

60 BEG: 1. Tanner Langham (Kaw); 2. Mikey Garcia (Kaw); 3. Derreck Murphy (Kaw); 4. David Medina (Kaw); 5. Preston Lundin (Kaw).

60 (0-8): 1. Tye Hames (Kaw); 2. Douglas Carter (Kaw).

60 (9-11): 1. Brandon Spencer (Kaw).

80 BEG: 1. Kevin Williams (Yam); 2. Randall Hall (Kaw); 3. Jaime Dietz (Yam); 4. Cory Baldwin (Yam); 5. Adam Gragg (Yam).

80 (7-11): 1. Vincent Rhoads (Yam); 2. Ryan Roybal (Hon); 3. Dave Carter (Kaw); 4. Matt Gomez (Kaw); 5. Bruce Wilkins (Suz).

80 (12-13): 1. Mike Epstein (Hon); 2. Anthony Barbacovi (Yam).

80 (14-16): 1. Sam Scanlon (Hon); 2. Ryan Riess (Yam).

B/W: 1. Bobby Steffan (Kaw).

WMN: 1. Melissa Billingsley (Yam).

125 BEG: 1. Bo Williams (Suz); 2. Jeff Ramboldt (Hon); 3. Chris Resnick (Hon); 4. Jeffrey Verseput (Yam); 5. David McManus (Yam).

125 NOV: 1. Chris Elliott (Yam); 2. Jared Williams (Yam); 3. Josh Mason (Kaw); 4. Scott Howe (Suz); 5. Eddie Laret (Kaw).

125 INT: 1. Ryan Orr (Yam); 2. Brent Gilliams (Suz); 3. Matt Armstrong (Yam); 4. Chris Tocco (Yam); 5. Jeff Eide (Hon).

250 BEG: 1. Mike Moye (Kaw); 2. Pasha Afshar (Yam); 3. Edmond Gregory (Kaw); 4. Richard West (Yam); 5. Shy Moshe (Suz).

250 NOV: 1. Mike Licitra (Kaw); 2. Bryan Lamborn (Yam); 3. Chris Reed (Kaw); 4. Gabi Abayou (Hon).

250 INT: 1. Jason Dubin (Suz); 2. Robbie Dunham (Yam); 3. Nick Mairose (KTM); 4. Walt Dorsett.

500 NOV: 1. Tyson Tittlemier (Hon).

500 INT: 1. Gary Cheek (KTM).

JR VET BEG: 1. Dal Trubey (Kaw); 2. Pasha Afshar (Yam); 3. Shy Moshe (Suz); 4. Avi Cohed (Suz).

JR VET NOV: 1. Gabi Abayou (Hon); 2. Dino Catuogno (Hon); 3. Jeff Mathews (Yam); 4. Rick Valenzuela (Yam).

JR VET EX: 1. Nick Mairose (KTM).

VET BEG: 1. Sean Ireland (Hon).

VET NOV: 1. Darrell Sanders (Yam).

VET INT: 1. Mike Licitra (Kaw); 2. Leo Saul (Yam).

VET EX-PRO: 1. Jimmy Roberts (Kaw).

SR BEG-NOV: 1. Jack Noyes (Kaw); 2. Bob Dunham (Yam); 3. Larry Hipp (Yam).

SR INT-EX: 1. Steve Williams (Hon); 2. Bob Tocco (Hon); 3. George Jimenez (Kaw).

Welch powers to Birch Creek Motocross win

By Jay and Sharon Hauser

DANVILLE, VA, MAR. 22

Tom Welch, out of Charlotte Hall, Maryland, has been on a roll in 1998 and showed up at the second round of the U.S. Eastern Motocross Spring Series on fire. Fresh off a fine ride to qualify at the Daytona Supercross, Welch brought his JT Motorsports/Factory Connection/FMF-backed Suzukis to a perfectly groomed Birch Creek track, despite an entire week of rain, and powered his way past the competition to score a four-moto sweep of the 125 and 250cc Pro classes.

Welch had to bang bars with a couple of series regulars in the 125cc Pro class, as Troy Brewer and Mitchell Hodges would both see the head of the pack at one time or another, but both motos would see the same end result: Welch would power past one rider after another until he reached the point position and then pull away to the win.

Aboard the 250cc machines, Welch got a good view of Hodges' rear fender in both motos but was again hooked up and on the move to the front, recording a pair of hard-fought moto wins for a sweep of the class. Jarman's Yamaha-backed Jamie Frazier rounded out the top three in the 250cc Pro class via 5-3 moto finishes.

The largest class of the day was the 125cc C division, with more than 30 eager riders on the gate and looking for a win. Bryan Stevens nailed the start of the first moto to lead the massive pack of racers into the first turn, with Honda-mounted Robbie Poole, Blake Pierson and Brandon Hankins in tow. After completely missing his early-morning practice session, Suzuki of Winston-Salem pilot Chad Black moved up into the top runners on lap one, but hit the ground while making his move into second. Poole was next to take himself out of the running with bad luck, slipping all the way back to 25th at the flag. This allowed things to sort out for a few laps. Stevens had put his Yamaha on autopilot

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and easily recorded the first-moto win. With the exit of Poole, Pierson took over second and held on to the spot to the finish, and Jeff Winstead put in a fine ride, working up to third. Hankins nailed down fourth to keep Travis Powers at bay in fifth.

When the gate fell for the second 125cc C moto, it was a carbon copy of moto one as Stevens charged his way to the front of the field, but this time Black had nailed down second off the gate and was on the gas. Black passed Stevens briefly on lap one to show the way, but his lead was cut short when Stevens blew back past for the final time. Stevens again picked up the pace to remain untouched for the moto and overall win. With Stevens out front and gone, the battle for second was anything but over as Black fought off Pierson, Powers and Kevin Beach to maintain second. As the moto wore down, it was Beach who was on the gas and looking to improve from his eighth-place first-moto finish. At the flag, it was Beach in second, just inches ahead of Black, with Pierson pulling out a fourth less than 20 feet back. Beach's poor finish in moto one allowed Pierson to take second overall, while Winstead, who had just finished outside the top five in sixth, took the final podium position. Beach's second-place finish in moto two was enough to score himself fourth overall, ahead of Black in fifth. Powers was the rider who got the shaft after his two fifth-place rides landed him in sixth overall.

Results

50 (4-6): 1. Zachary Alvear (Act); 2. Ryan Smith (KTM); 3. Jordan David (KTM); 4. Ryan Zimmer (Cob); 5. Travis Poole (KTM).

50 (7-8): 1. Matthew Pierson (Cob); 2. Devon Pilkington (Act); 3. Joshua Yeager (KTM); 4. Taylor Futrell (Cob); 5. C.W. Brim (KTM).

60 (7-9): 1. Ryan Fitzwater (Kaw); 2. Matthew Pierson (Kaw); 3. Brad Haar (Kaw); 4. Casey Taylor (Kaw); 5. Devon Pilkington (Kaw).

60 (10-11): 1. Sam Fitzwater (Kaw); 2. David Mitchell (Kaw); 3. J-Man Troxell (Kaw); 4. Buddy Biagi (Kaw); 5. Dalton Terrell (Kaw).

80 (7-11): 1. Sam Fitzwater (Suz); 2. Dustin Oates (Kaw); 3. Jeb Gaskill (Kaw); 4. Thomas Hayes (Suz); 5. J-Man Troxell (Kaw).

80 D: 1. Lou Caudle (Kaw); 2. Phillip Williams (Kaw).

S/MINI: 1. Jason Bryant (Yam); 2. Josh Dexter (Yam); 3. Zach Kutschenko (Suz); 4. Michael Bria (Suz); 5. Chris Rose (Hon).

SCHBY: 1. Shane Hager (Kaw); 2. Cory Horsley (Suz); 3. Chris LaPlante (Suz); 4. Phillip Shields (Yam).

125 A: 1. Tom Welch (Suz); 2. Mitchell Hodges (Yam); 3. Troy Brewer (Yam); 4. Ryan Gates (Kaw); 5. Rob McWhorter (Kaw).

125 B: 1. Justin Gibbs (Kaw); 2. Shane Hager (Kaw); 3. Eric Cox (Yam); 4. Josh Fulton (Kaw); 5. Stephen Benoy (Kaw).

125 C: 1. Bryan Stevens (Yam); 2. Blake Pierson (Suz); 3. Jeff Winstead (Yam); 4. Kevin Beach (Yam); 5. Chad Black (Suz).

125 D: 1. Steve Smith (Hon); 2. Daniel Allgood (Suz); 3. Andrew Lankford (Yam); 4. Herman Ward (Hon); 5. Brian Hogan (Suz).

250 A: 1. Tom Welch (Suz); 2. Mitchell Hodges (Yam); 3. Jamie Frazier (Yam); 4. Chris Anstead (Yam); 5. Scottie Shipley (Yam).

250 B: 1. Jason Baldwin (Yam); 2. Mike Martin (Yam); 3. Jason Ring (KTM); 4. Richard Ray (Yam); 5. Nelan McFarland (Kaw).

250 C: 1. Joseph Mason (Suz); 2. Jason Crawford (Suz); 3. Ray Ward (Kaw); 4. Brandon Hankins (Yam); 5. Randy Taylor (Hon).

250 D: 1. Steve Meracoo (Kaw); 2. Mike Miller (Suz); 3. George Stanton (Hon); 4. Lonnie Foster (Suz); 5. Steve Cox (Hon).

25+ A: 1. Jamie Frazier (Yam); 2. Shane Shipley (Hon); 3. Chuck Green (Suz); 4. Scottie Shipley (Yam); 5. Rob McWhorter (Hon).

25+ B: 1. Nelan McFarland (Kaw); 2. Roger Baxter (Yam); 3. Thomas Menzel (Kaw); 4. Brad Proctor (Yam); 5. Michael Haga (Yam).

25+ C/D: 1. Eric Thomas (Hon); 2. Michael Weeks (Kaw); 3. Billy Robinson (Kaw); 4. Joseph Anthony (Kaw); 5. Jeff Belcher (Suz).

30+ A: 1. Scottie Shipley (Yam); 2. Rickey Joyce (KTM); 3. Stacey Redifer; 4. James Morris (Hon); 5. Jay Hauser (Hon).

30+ B/C: 1. Todd Marshall (Hon); 2. Mark Hill (Kaw); 3. Thomas Menzer (Kaw); 4. Greg Smith (Hon); 5. Marshall Finch (Kaw).

35+: 1. Sonny Mitchell (Kaw); 2. David Hobson (Yam); 3. Barry Nelson (Hon); 4. Jerry Robertson (Kaw); 5. Marshall Finch (Kaw).

40+: 1. Sonny Mitchell (Kaw); 2. Ike De Jager (Suz); 3. Auman Parrish (Hon); 4. Junior Bryant (Yam); 5. Richard Tribble (Yam).

OPEN/4-STRK: 1. Ricky Joyce (KTM); 2. Barry Nelson (Hon); 3. Jay Hauser (Hon); 4. James Goin (Yam); 5. Tom Haar (Hon).

U/L: 1. Jason Baldwin (Yam); 2. Eric Cox (Yam); 3. Mike Martin (Yam); 4. Jason Ring (KTM); 5. Jason Laplante (Suz).

Conkey conquers Albany Supercross

By Clay Light

ALBANY, OR, MAR. 22

Raym Conkey and his Honda CR125 proved to be an unstoppable team in the 125cc Junior class at the Albany Supercross track, using 1-1 wins to take the top honors in the class at the final round of the CMC Winter Series.

Kawasaki jockey Matt Frank pressured Conkey throughout both muddy motos, but Conkey held under all of the pressure, also battling the elements to nab the win. Frank enjoyed a brief lead in the second moto, but it lasted less than a lap. Frank stayed within striking range, taking second-place honors with 2-2 showings to beat a consistent Travis Rigert and Greg Booth, who rounded out the top four.

Suzuki pilot Ryan Leach continued his domination of the 250cc Pro action, his latest win coming the same way as did his previous win: via 1-1 tallies. Leach, though, had to card a spirited come-from-behind performance in the sec-

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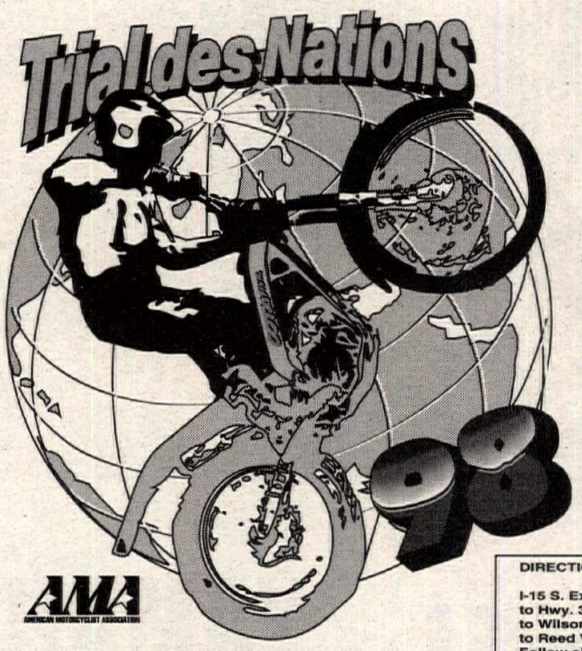

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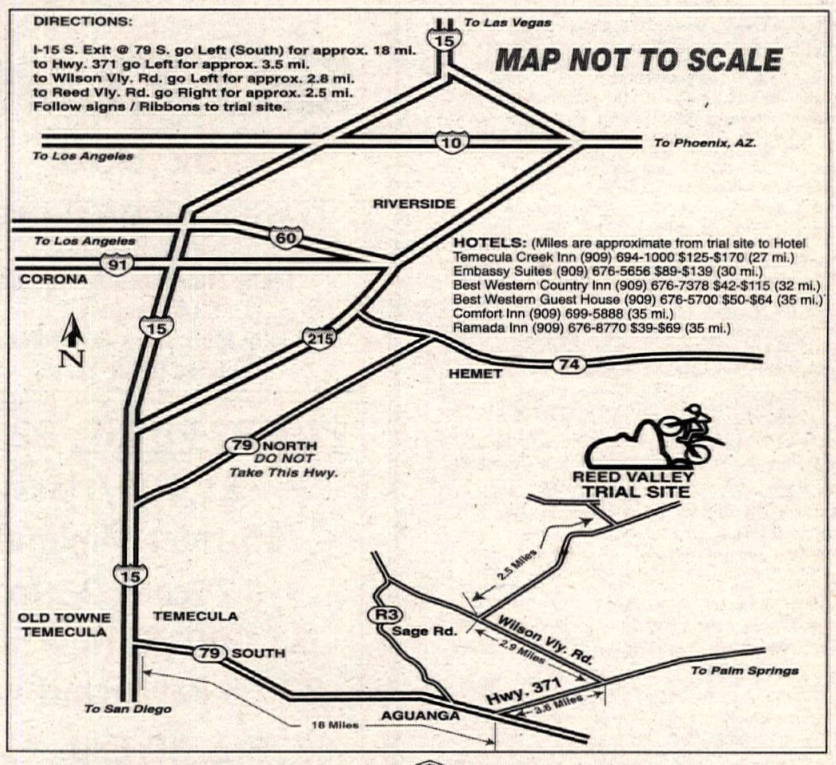

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ond moto before the AXO/Cycle Country-backed rider could earn the top pay-out. Leach gated last in moto two, picking off several riders each lap before he caught up to Yamaha rider Aaron Crawford.

Crawford surely must have thought his lead was uncatchable. However, Leach chased down and ultimately caught Crawford late in the moto to set up a spectacular battle for the overall win - one that ended prematurely as Crawford fell while in the hot seat, enabling Leach to finalize his 1-1 tally for the day. Trailing Leach to the finish following Crawford's demise were Intermediate riders Jere Meeker and Michael Gamby, while Crawford charged back through the ranks to finish second Pro ahead of third-placed Intermediate Eric Rogers.

Marc Miller-Jones kept his Honda CR80 up on two wheels long enough in the soupy conditions to continue his own personal rampage in small-wheel action. Miller-Jones won the Supermini and 80cc (12-13) classes, both coming with 1-1 performances. After his win in the 80cc (12-13) class, which ran combined with the 80cc (9-11) and 80cc Beginner classes, Miller-Jones stormed back to beat Kawasaki rider Cody Buyas in a second-moto shootout to cap off a two-class decimation.

Randy Wing, an ex-1970s Professional, rode a rapid pace aboard an RM250 to beat Glynn Higgins and Bob Leach for the top honors in the Old-Timer (Over 40) Money class with 1-1 showings.

Results

P/W (4-6): 1. Glenn Prestholt (Lem); 2. Steele Angle-Davidson (KTM); 3. Landon Currier (KTM).

P/W (7-8): 1. Danny Gubser (Lem); 2. Marr Wolfe Jr. (Lem).

P/W MOD (4-6): 1. Jared Wood (KTM).

60 BEG: 1. Tyler Hayes (Kaw); 2. Chris Huffman (Kaw); 3. Nick Flatt (Kaw); 4. Daniel Grubbs (Hon).

60 SR: 1. Ajay Olinger (Kaw); 2. Aaron Slowik (Kaw); 3. Chad Plumlee (Hon); 4. Kris Collins (Kaw).

80 BEG: 1. Tim Ricketts (Hon); 2. Chris Leiby (Yam); 3. Alex Hill (Suz); 4. Pete Sannan (Kaw); 5. T.J. Jensen (Hon).

80 (9-11): 1. Adam Metzler (Suz); 2. Cody Buyas (Kaw).

80 (12-13): 1. Marc Miller-Jones (Hon); 2. Devin Watson (Kaw).

S/MINI: 1. Marc Miller-Jones (Hon); 2. Cody Buyas (Kaw); 3. Kenneth Hammontree (Yam); 4. Adam Metzler (Suz); 5. Alex Hill (Suz).

125 BEG: 1. Nicholas Nowak (Kaw); 2. Johnny Nowak (Yam); 3. Jared Rush (Hon); 4. Patrick Michielli (Hon); 5. Chris Hampton (Yam).

125 JR: 1. Raym Conkey (Hon); 2. Matt Frank (Kaw); 3. Travis Rigert (Yam); 4. Greg Booth (Hon); 5. Kurt Crawford (Suz).

125 INT: 1. Jeff Hinzman (Kaw); 2. Jeremy Slaughter (Suz).

125 PRO: 1. Dustin Lenaburg (Kaw).

250 BEG: 1. Ryan Koozer (Yam); 2. Patrick Michielli (Hon); 3. Aaron Thurman (Kaw); 4. Charley Waller (Hon); 5. Alex Schon (Hon).

250 JR: 1. Olin Green (Hon); 2. Marcus Melendrez (Yam); 3. Rodney Tryon (Suz); 4. Wes Hare (Suz); 5. Paul Meusling (Yam).

250 INT: 1. Jere Meeker (Kaw); 2. Michael Gamby (Yam); 3. Eric Rogers (Kaw); 4. Jason Parks (Kaw).

250 PRO: 1. Ryan Leach (Suz); 2. Aaron Crawford (Yam).

OPEN AM: 1. Jason Parks (Hon); 2. Glynn Higgins (KTM); 3. Paul Meusling (Yam); 4. Dave Huerta (Hon).

BTH JR: 1. Travis Rigert (Yam); 2. Shawn Russell (Suz); 3. Marcus Melendrez (Yam); 4. Steve Miller (Suz); 5. Chris Hampton (Yam).

BTH INT: 1. Dustin Lenaburg (Kaw); 2. Michael Gamby (Yam).

UTH JR: 1. Randy Wing (Suz); 2. Chad Huston (Hon).

UTH INT: 1. Gary Beyer (KTM).

OTH BEG: 1. Duane Romero (Suz); 2. Allen Toetly (Kaw); 3. Christopher Huffman (Hon).

OTH INT: 1. Rich Blanchette (Yam); 2. Scott Olsen (Hon); 3. Rodney Tryon (Suz); 4. Dave Huerta (KTM); 5. Wes Hanson (Yam).

OTH JR: 1. Jeff Nowak (Yam); 2. Tim Gates (Hon); 3. Bill Kent (Hon); 4. Mark Deforest (Kaw).

OTH PRO: 1. Jere Meeker (Kaw); 2. David Fox (Yam).

O/T JR: 1. Paul Delos-Reyes (Hon); 2. Gerald Nichols (Hon); 3. Randy Layne (Yam); 4. Dan Meeker (Hon).

O/T INT: 1. Jack Gulick Jr. (Yam); 2. Brad Gubser (Yam); 3. Deanna Holbrook (Suz).

O/T MNY: 1. Randy Wing (Suz); 2. Glynn Higgins (KTM); 3. Bob Leach (Hon).

50+: 1. Randy Layne (Yam).

WMN: 1. Deanna Holbrook (Suz); 2. Randi Holbrook (Hon); 3. Sabrina Russell (Suz).

Salvano sails at Madera Scrambles

By Sam Roberts

MADERA, CA, MAR. 22

Gustine's Ryan Salvano put it to the hotly contested 80cc Novice class at round four of the California Rough Scrambles Series, held at the Madera Fairgrounds.

Salvano snatched the holeshot in the first moto and quickly began to distance himself from Kutter Morrison and Ted Sampaulesi. Sampaulesi passed Morrison for second place on lap one but crashed while going for the lead on lap three. Salvano held on for the moto win, followed by Morrison and Sampaulesi. David Jensen and Stephen Chase rounded out the top five.

In the second moto, Kawasaki-mounted Jensen got the holeshot, with Salvano and Sampaulesi hot on his heels. The three battled intensely until Salvano took the lead on lap three. Sampaulesi then passed Jensen for second

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place on lap four but bobbled on lap five, allowing Jensen to regain the spot. Salvano cruised to the moto win and the overall (1-1), followed by Jensen (4-2), Sampaulesi (3-3), Chase (5-4) and Morrison (2-8).

In the 125cc Novice class, Bryan Stark took the checkers first in the opening moto, but a seized engine in the second moto allowed Turlock's Jon Soiseth to take the overall win with a 2-1 tally. Second place went to Suzuki-mounted "Big" Al Scoggins (4-2), and third went to Frankie Hannah (3-3).

In the always-exciting 250cc Novice class, it was local rider Daniel Ogan coming out on top this week with a strong 2-1 showing. Second overall went to Rich Allen, who won the first moto but had problems in moto two, which relegated him to fourth overall. Mario Logoluso claimed third with a consistent 4-3, and fourth went to Jason Benzler, who crashed in the first moto and wound up sixth but came back to finish second behind Ogan in the second moto.

Results

50 (0-8) NOV: 1. Christian Jandro (KTM); 2. Chad Osburn (KTM); 3. Nick Baker (KTM); 4. Cody Greer (KTM); 5. Danielle Coldeira (Suz).

50 (0-8) EX: 1. Kutter Morrison (KTM); 2. Gregory Grouleff (KTM).

60 NOV: 1. Gregory Grouleff (Kaw); 2. Dustin Pipes (Kaw); 3. Andrew Desilogna (Kaw); 4. Daniel Riding (Kaw).

80 NOV: 1. Ryan Salvano (Kaw); 2. David Jensen (Kaw); 3. Ted Sampaulesi (Yam); 4. Stephen Chase (Suz); 5. Kutter Morrison (Suz).

80XR NOV: 1. Matt Larson (Hon); 2. Nicole Rolison (Hon).

100 NOV: 1. Bryan Rose (Kaw); 2. Joshua Power (Yam); 3. Jeremy Keheley (Hon).

125 NOV: 1. Jon Soiseth (Suz); 2. Al Scoggins (Suz); 3. Frankie Hannah (Kaw).

125 EX: 1. Robert Hannah (Hon), 2. Jeremy Hannah (Suz); 3. Gar Gladders (Hon).

250 NOV: 1. Daniel Ogan (Kaw); 2. Rich Allen (Hon); 3. Mario Logoluso (Suz); 4. Jason Benzier (Yam); 5. Andre Alba (Kaw).

250 EX: 1. Thomas Fullam (Hon); 2. Greg Weeks (Yam).

OPEN NOV: 1. Steve Osburn (Yam); 2. Robert Schafer (ATK).

VET NOV: 1. Chuck Sheets (Mai); 2. Clarence Hopper (Hon); 3. Robert Sampaulesi (Hon); 4. Andre Alba (Kaw).

VET EX: 1. Thomas Fullam (Hon); 2. Greg Weeks (Yam); 3. David Pettit (Yam),

O/T NOV: 1. Warren Shubin (Suz).

VINT NOV: 1. Karl Jensen (Hus).

WMN NOV: 1. Sharon Sampaulesi (Yam).

Hansen, Bartram split Montana Arenacross

By Ed Beckley

BILLINGS, MT, MAR. 7

Round 15 of the Checkered Flag Productions Bardahl/Dunlop Arenacross Series proved very profitable for Nebraska's Trent Hansen, Oklahoma's Kenny Bartram, and Colorado's Jared Carlson. Honda rider Hansen was the big winner, taking home $1200 of the $4500 Pro purse. Bartram and Carlson were each rewarded for their efforts with $800.

The first 125cc heat race started with Bartram out front, looking to be a sure winner, but a haybale cover in the rear wheel relegated him to fifth place, giving Hansen the win. The second 125cc heat was won by Carlson.

The main event looked like a carbon copy of the first heat as the F&S Suzuki/Applied-backed Bartram grabbed the holeshot and started to run away. This time, however, Bartram was not to be denied, and he kept opening up his lead throughout the race and scored an easy win. Carlson and Hansen battled behind Bartram and eventually took second and third, respectively. Rounding out the top five was Chad Schaff, followed by Jon Hedden.

The 250cc heats marked the first time in the evening that the riders were able to clear the massive 80-foot triple jump in the middle of the track. The crowd showed its appreciation as Carlson, Colorado's Josh Kellog, and Hedden all cleared the monster jump on the first lap. The three riders battled until Kellog made a mistake on the triple and injured his knee, putting him out for the night. Carlson went on to take the win over the Metro Xpress/Nichols/Pro Circuit-backed Hedden. The second heat was another Bartram runaway win.

The race of the night was the 250cc main event. Bartram grabbed yet another holeshot, with Hansen in second and Hedden in third. In the second corner, Hansen put an aggressive block-pass on Bartram. Hedden used the opportunity to duck to the inside and take over the lead, with Hansen now in second. Bartram stalled in the next corner and fell back to seventh. Hedden pulled a two-second lead and set the pace for the next five laps. On lap six, Hansen made his move with another aggressive block-pass and immediately pulled out to a slight lead. A lap later, Hedden was passed by Carlson, who then began to reel in Hansen. Bartram worked his way back up to fourth and also passed Hedden near the end of the race. Carlson caught Hansen with just over a lap remaining, but he couldn't find a place to pass. Hansen took

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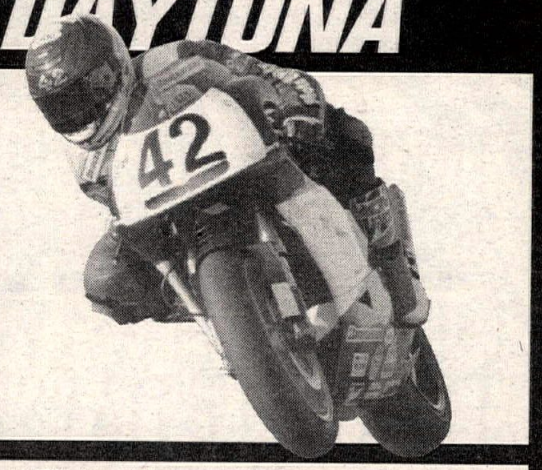

March 6, Daytona Beach, FL, Takahito Mori, riding a Moto Liberty-sponsored, Silkolene-lubricated HRC RS250R, won the prestigious Daytona round of the AMA 250 GP Series. Mori's victory was not an easy one as Silkolene-sponsored Chuck Sorensen, and Roland Sands chased him all the way to the finish. The win moved Mori into a first-place tie with Sorenson for the series title. Moto Liberty's, Sam Yamashita knows what it takes to keep a RS250R screaming around the high-banked Daytona track and that's why he chose Silkolene.

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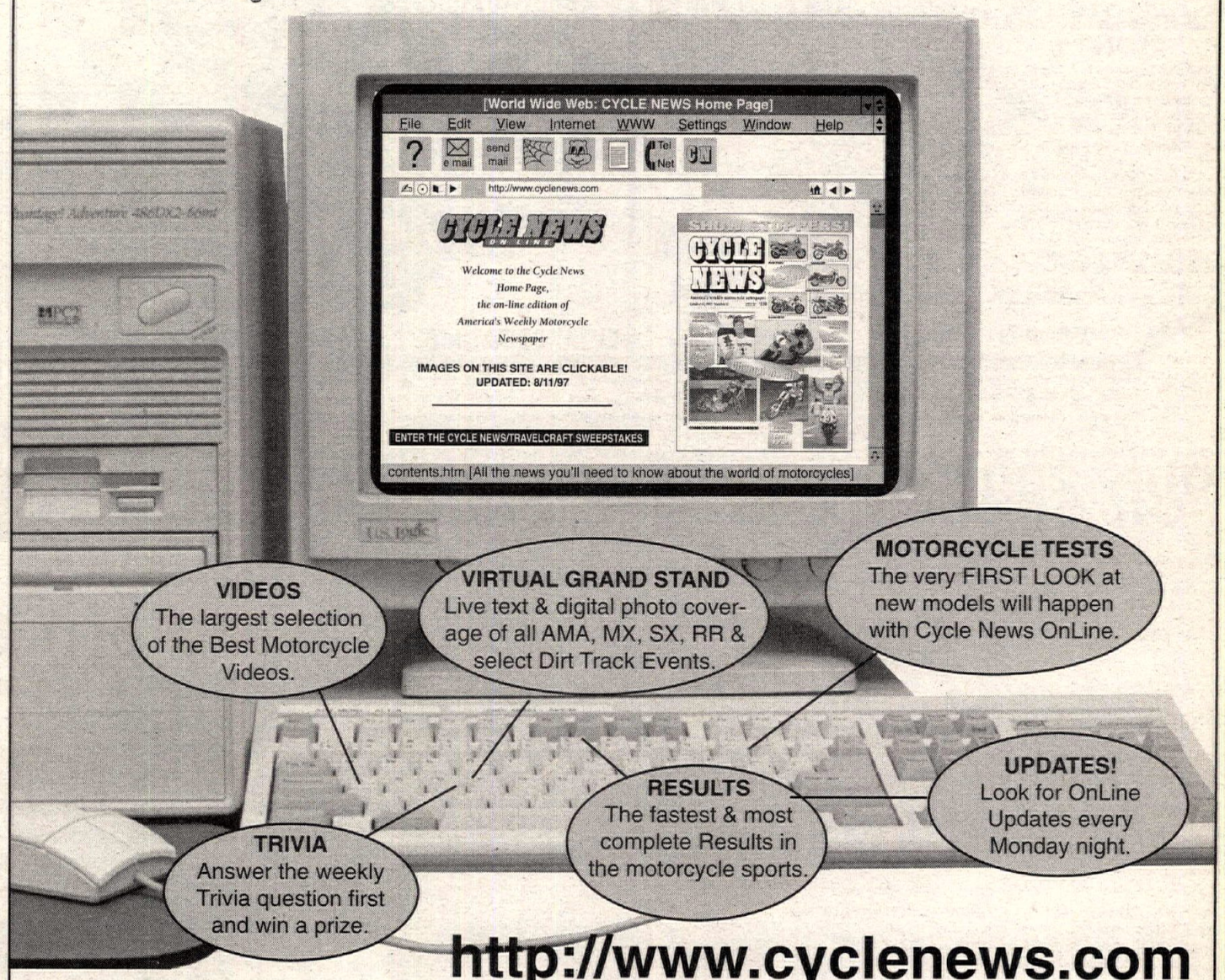

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home the $1000 winner's share of the 250cc purse with the win, followed closely by Carlson. Bartram, Hedden and Todd Robertson rounded out the top five.

The final event of the night was the jump contest. It came down to a two-rider battle between Bartram and Hedden. Bartram crossed it up while Hedden elected to throw out a can-can. Hedden earned the win by receiving the most crowd applause.

Results

P/W (4-7): 1. Ethan Catlin (Lem); 2. Riley Jacobson (Suz); 3. Casey McKim (Yam); 4. Shawn Widdicombe (Yam); 5. Dustyn Silvis (Yam).

P/W (8-10): 1. Nicholas Gabel (KTM).

60 JR: 1. T.J. Durden (Kaw); 2. Cody McKim (Kaw); 3. Michael Lynn (Kaw); 4. Logan Halsey (Kaw); 5. Will Wine (Kaw).

80 NOV: 1. Cam Burt (Suz); 2. Garrett Halsey (Yam); 3. Bryan Becker (Hon); 4. Matt Evans (Yam); 5. Kris Dahl (Yam).

80 INT: 1. Ryan Joycock (Kaw); 2. Mike Dubell (Yam).

125 BEG: 1. Eric Harrison (Yam); 2. Brian Flack (Yam); 3. Mitch Foth (Yam); 4. Ty Kenitz (Yam); 5. Chad Loessberg (Yam).

125 NOV: 1. Dan Burt (Suz); 2. Shannon Froehlich (Suz); 3. Karson Turner (Suz); 4. Keith Sayers (Yam).

125 INT: 1. Corey Erhardt (Kaw); 2. Troy McDowall (Kaw); 3. Chuck Dubell (Yam); 4. J.P. Stanek (Kaw); 5. Brian Rowe (Kaw).

125 PRO: 1. Kenny Bartram (Suz); 2. Jared Carlson (Kaw); 3. Trent Hansen (Hon); 4. Chad Schaff (Kaw); 5. Jon Hedden (Suz).

250 BEG: 1. Edward Dreese (Kaw); 2. Phil Brewer (Hon); 3. Eric Larson (Suz); 4. Jeremy Lucas (Hon).

250 NOV: 1. Greg Libetrau (Hon); 2. Chad Fry (Suz); 3. Kirk Bushman (Kaw); 4. Mike Miner (Yam); 5. Shawn Colby (Kaw).

250 INT: 1. Joey Wilhelm (Kaw).

250 PRO: 1. Trent Hansen (Hon); 2. Jared Carlson (Kaw); 3. Kenny Bartram (Suz); 4. Jon Hedden (Hon); 5. Todd Robertson (Yam).

30+: 1. Scott Olson (Yam); 2. Thor Loper (KTM).

40+: 1. Bruce Catlin (Suz).

Johnson unstoppable at New Mexico Arenacross

By Ed Beckley

HOBBS, NM, MAR. 14

The Checkered Flag Productions Bardahl/Dunlop Arenacross Series visited New Mexico for round 16, and Isaiah Johnson won everything he entered with relative ease at the event, which was held at the Lea County Cultural Center. The center is a fairly new facility with a huge floor, and it was sold out for the first time ever in its four-year history.

Series regulars Kenny Bartram and Jon Hedden both had trouble on the technical track, and Hedden was injured in practice and was unable to race.

The 125cc heat race started with the F&S Suzuki/FMF/Michelin-backed Bartram grabbing the holeshot, with Pro Circuit-sponsored Johnson right behind. Bartram came up short on the finish line and severely jammed his wrist; he retired to the pits, handing the victory to Johnson.

Johnson absconded with the holeshot in the 125cc main and scored a wire-to-wire win. Bartram, after finishing the first lap in seventh place, charged through riders throughout the race to eventually finish in third place, behind Johnson and Oklahoma's Earl Kephart. Kaylon Young and Jacob Gilsford rounded out the top five.

The 250cc heat race was another wire-to-wire victory for Johnson, and he was, by far, the fastest rider in the whoops. On several occasions, it looked as though he might lose it, but he just stretched his lead and scored an uncontested victory.

The final race of the evening was the 250cc Pro main and Johnson was, again, the quickest rider into turn one. Bartram only made it 20 feet before the rear brake locked up on his Suzuki, leaving him on the sidelines for the remainder of the race. Johnson then simply began to stretch his lead, and he never looked back. Yamaha rider Levi Ballog and Honda riders Steven Birkelback and Kephart battled over second until Ballog took clear control of that position late in the race. Birkelback and Kephart took third and fourth, respectively. Young put his Honda into the fifth position when it was all over.

The final event of the night was the jump contest. All three riders involved elected to perform cross-ups, but the partisan crowd chose New Mexico native Johnson as the winner. CN

Results

P/W (4-7): 1. Dakota Owens (KTM); 2. Beau Burgees (KTM).

P/W (8-10): 1. Joe Collins (Yam).

60 JR: 1. Joshua Godfrey (Kaw).

80 NOV: 1. Richard Poe (Hon); 2. Neil Dauphinais (Yam); 3. Garrett Dean (Kaw).

80 INT: 1. Sean Vilandry (Kaw).

125 NOV: 1. Trent Huber (Hon); 2. A.J. Lux (Hon); 3. Chris Welchko (Hon); 4. Taff Huber (Yam); 5. Coby Colley (Hon).

125 INT: 1. James Wagner (Kaw); 2. Dustin Rardin (Suz); 3. Ray Owens (Yam).

125 PRO: 1. Isaiah Johnson (Kaw); 2. Earl Kephart (Hon); 3. Kenny Bartram (Suz); 4. Kaylon Young (Hon); 5. Jacob Gilsford (Suz).

250 NOV: 1. Larry Lowery (Hon); 2. Tres Lair (Law); 3. Shane Fielder (Hon); 4. David Johnson (Kaw).

250 INT: 1. Jake Tucker (KTM); 2. Jimmy McGuire (Kaw); 3. Cody Bounds (Hon).

250 PRO: 1. Isaiah Johnson (Kaw); 2. Levi Ballog (Yam); 3. Steven Birkelback (Hon); 4. Earl Kephart (Hon); 5. Kaylon Young (Hon).

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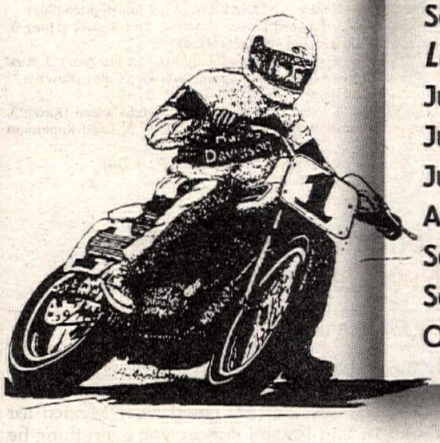

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World Championship Road Race Series
4/19 Shah Alam, Malaysia, Rnd 2
5/3 Jerez, Spain, Rnd 3
5/17 Mugello, Italy, Rnd 4
5/31 Paul Ricard, France, Rnd 5
6/14 Jarama, Madrid, Rnd 6
6/27 Assen, Holland, Rnd 7
7/5 Donington Park, Great Britain, Rnd 8
7/19 Sachsenring, Germany, Rnd 9
8/23 Brno, Czech Republic, Rnd 10
9/6 Imola, Italy, Rnd 11
9/20 Catalunya, Spain, Rnd 12
10/4 Phillip Island, Australia, Rnd 13
10/18 Nelson Piquet, Brazil, Rnd 14
10/25 Buenos Aires, Argentina, Rnd 15

World Superbike Championship Series
4/13 Donington Park, GB, Rnd 2
5/10 Monza, Italy, Rnd 3
5/24 Albacete, Spain, Rnd 4
6/7 Nurburgring, Germany, Rnd 5
6/21 Misano, San Marino, Rnd 6
7/5 TBA, Rnd 7
7/12 Monterey, California, Rnd 8
8/2 Brands Hatch, England, Rnd 9
8/30 A-1 Ring, Austria, Rnd 10
9/6 Assen, Holland, Rnd 11
9/27 Sentul, Indonesia, Rnd 12
10/4 Sugo, Japan, Rnd 13
10/11 Shah Alam, Malaysia, Rnd 14

World Endurance Championship
4/19 Le Mans, France, Rnd 1
6/28 TBA, England, Rnd 2
7/12 Spa, Belgium, Rnd 3
7/26 Suzuka, Japan, Rnd 4
9/13 Le Castellet, France, Rnd 5

World Trial Championship
4/18-19 Hawkstone Park, England, Rnds 3, 4
4/25-26 San Marino, Rnds 5, 6
5/23-24 Nepomuk, Czech Republic, Rnds 7, 8
5/30-31 Kiefersfelden, Germany, Rnds 9, 10
6/20-21 Chaumont, Belgium, Rnds 11, 12
6/27-28 Virieu-le-Grand, France, Rnds 13, 14
7/4-5 Sant Julia, Andorra, Rnds 15, 16
8/8-9 Helsinki, Finland, Rnds 17, 18
8/15-16 Hvervenbukta-Oslo, Norway, Rnds 19, 20

Trials des Nations
9/20 Valmalenco, Italy

World 125cc Motocross Championship
4/19 Bellpuig, Spain, Rnd 3
5/17 Orehova Vas, Slovakia, Rnd 4
5/24 Donington Park, England, Rnd 5
6/7 Nismes, Belgium, Rnd 6
6/14 San Marino, Rnd 7
6/28 Montevarchi, Italy, Rnd 8
7/12 Launsdorf, Austria, Rnd 9
7/19 Oss, Holland, Rnd 10
8/9 Chateau-du-Loir, France, Rnd 11
8/23 Bielstein, Germany, Rnd 12

World 250cc Motocross Championship
4/19 Valkenswaard, Holland, Rnd 3
4/26 Villars-Ecot, France, Rnd 4
5/10 Leuven, Europe, Rnd 5
5/24 Donington Park, England, Rnd 6
6/7 Asti, Italy, Rnd 7
6/14 Jinin, Czech Republic, Rnd 8
6/28 Bandung, Indonesia, Rnd 9
7/19 Maracay, Venezuela, Rnd 10
7/26 Belo Horizonte, Brazil, Rnd 11
8/9 Teutschenthal, Germany, Rnd 12
8/16 Mol, Belgium, Rnd 13
8/30 Gdynia, Poland, Rnd 14
9/6 Roggenburg, Switzerland, Rnd 15
9/13 Megalopolis, Greece, Rnd 16

World 500cc MX C'ship
4/19 Payerne, Switzerland, Rnd 2
4/26 Schwanenstadt, Austria, Rnd 3
5/10 Vasteras, Sweden, Rnd 4
5/17 Vantaa, Finland, Rnd 5
6/7 Osuna, Spain, Rnd 6
6/21 Loket, Czech Republic, Rnd 7
6/28 Sverepeck, Slovakia, Rnd 8
7/19 Ernee, France, Rnd 9
8/2 Namur, Belgium, Rnd 10
8/9 Rhenen, Holland, Rnd 11
8/30 Wachtersbach, Germany, Rnd 12

Motocross des Nations
9/27 Foxhill, England

World Individual Speedway Championship
5/15 Prague, Czech Republic, Rnd 1
6/5 Pocking, Germany, Rnd 2
6/19 Vojens, Denmark, Rnd 3
8/7 Bradford, England, Rnd 4
8/28 Linkoping, Sweden, Rnd 5
9/18 Bydgoszcz, Poland, Rnd 6

AMA/MBNA Superbike Series
4/17-19 Monterey, CA, Rnd 3
4/24-26 Rosamond, CA, Rnd 4
5/1-3 Sonoma, CA, Rnd 5
5/29-31 Braselton, GA, Rnd 6
6/12-14 Elkhart Lake, WI, Rnd 7
6/19-21 Loudon, NH, Rnd 8
7/17-19 Lexington, OH, Rnd 9
7/31-8/2 Brainerd, MN, Rnd 10
8/7-9 Joliet, IL, Rnd 11
9/4-6 Fountain, CO, Rnd 12
10/2-4 Las Vegas, NV, Rnd 13
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AMA Supercross Series
4/18 Charlotte, NC, Rnd 14
4/25 Dallas, TX, Rnd 15
5/2 Las Vegas, NV, Rnd 16

AMA National MX Series
5/10 San Bernardino, CA, Rnd 1
5/17 Sacramento, CA, Rnd 2
5/24 Mount Morris, PA, Rnd 3
6/14 Southwick, MA, Rnd 5
6/21 Budds Creek, MD, Rnd 4
7/5 Buchanan, MI, Rnd 6
7/19 New Berlin, NY, Rnd 7
7/26 Troy, OH, Rnd 8
8/2 Washougal, WA, Rnd 9
8/16 Millville, MN, Rnd 10
8/30 Binghamton, NY, Rnd 11
9/6 Delmont, PA, Rnd 12

AMA National Hare Scrambles Series
4/19 Good Springs, PA, Rnd 4
7/19 Tillamook, OR, Rnd 5
9/13 Millfield, OH, Rnd 6
9/20 Park Hills, MO, Rnd 7
10/4 Lynnville, IN, Rnd 8
10/18 Tulsa, OK, Rnd 9

AMA National Hare and Hound Series
4/26 Lucerne, CA
9/12 Wells, NV
9/27 Yerington, NV
10/25 Lucerne Valley, CA
Info: 304/284-0084

AMA Grand National Cross Country Series
4/25-26 Clarksburg, WV
5/9-10 Elizabeth, WV
5/16-17 Brownsville, PA
6/6-7 Manahawkin, NJ
7/11-12 Boyers, PA
9/12-13 Millfield, OH
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AMA National Championship Hillclimb Series
5/17 Middlebury, IN, Rnd 1
6/7 Jefferson, PA, Rnd 2
6/14 Steel City, PA, Rnd 3
6/21 Avoca, NY, Rnd 4
7/18 Nashville, IN, Rnd 5
7/25 Haydenville, OH, Rnd 6
8/2 Norton Shores, MI, Rnd 7
8/16 Dansville, NY, Rnd 8
9/13 Steel City, PA, Rnd 9
9/20 Middlebury, IN, Rnd 10
9/27 Jefferson, PA, Rnd 11
10/11 Oregonia, OH, Rnd 12
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AMA Grand National Championship Series
5/16 Harrington, DE, Rnd 2
5/24 Springfield, IL, Rnd 3
5/30 LaSalle, IL, Rnd 4
6/20 Mineralwells, WV, Rnd 5
6/27 Lima, OH, Rnd 6
7/4 TBA, Rnd 7
7/11 Du Quoin, IL, Rnd 8
7/18 Oklahoma City, OK, Rnd 9
7/25 Rossburg, OH, Rnd 10
8/2 Peoria, IL, Rnd 11
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8/15 Indianapolis, IN, Rnd 14
8/22 Hagerstown, MD, Rnd 15
8/29 Sedalia, MO, Rnd 16
9/6 Springfield, IL, Rnd 17
9/12 Shakopee, MN, Rnd 18
9/26 Sacramento, CA, Rnd 19
10/3 Las Vegas, NV, Rnd 20
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AMA Acerbis National Enduro Series
5/3 Wellston, OH
5/17 New Waverly, TX
5/24 McArthur, OH
6/7 Bellingham, WA
6/28 Akeley, MN
7/12 West Greenwich, RI
8/9 Divide, CO
8/23 Indian River, MI
Info: 614/891-2425

AMA/NATC National Championship Trials Series
4/18 Temecula, CA, Rnd 5
4/25 Washougal, WA, Rnd 6
4/26 Washougal, WA, Rnd 7
8/1 Duluth, MN, Rnd 8
8/2 Duluth, MN, Rnd 9
8/8 Flagstaff, AZ, Rnd 10
8/11 Flagstaff, AZ, Rnd 11
Info: 402/435-4146

AMA Western National Four-Stroke MX Series
4/18-19 Phoenix, AZ
5/23-24 Redding, CA
5/30-31 Anderson, CA
6/6-7 Salt Lake City, UT
6/27-28 Lakewood, CO,
7/11-12 Boise, ID
8/8-9 Albany, OR
8/23-24 Ward Creek, WA
9/5-6 Whitney, TX
Info: 530/365-1979

AMA West Coast Flat Track Series
5/9 Lodi, CA, Rnd 1
6/6 Perris, CA, Rnd 2
7/18 Bakersfield, CA, Rnd 3
8/22 Bakersfield, CA, Rnd 4
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AMA Prostar Drag Racing Series
5/2-3 Columbus, OH
5/30-31 Richmond, VA
7/10-12 Joliet, IL
8/14-16 Indianapolis, IN
9/11-13 Atco, NJ
10/10-11 Houston, TX
11/20-22 Gainesville, FL
Info: 205/852-1101

AMA Pro-Am Dirt Track Series
4/26 Springfield, IL
5/3 Jerseyville, IL
5/31 Mendota, IL
Info: 815/539-9021

AMA Sound of Thunder Amateur Challenge Series
4/18 Phoenix, AZ
5/23 Redding, CA
5/30 Yakima, WA
6/6 Salt Lake City, UT
6/27 Denver, CO
7/11 Boise, ID
8/8 Albany, OR
8/23 Ward Creek, WA
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AMA U.S. Eastern Motocross Spring Series
4/12 Elizabeth City, NC
4/26 Danville, VA
5/3 East Bend, NC
5/17 Reidsville, NC
5/24 Elizabeth City, NC
5/31 Dillwyn, VA
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6/7 Danville, VA
6/14 Dillwyn, VA
6/21 Sanford, NC
7/5 Axton, VA
7/12 East Bend, NC
7/19 Reidsville, NC
7/26 Danville, VA
8/9 Elizabeth City, NC
8/23 Danville, VA
9/19 Danville, VA
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AMA U.S. Eastern Motocross Fall Series
8/30 Dillwyn, VA
9/6 Reidsville, NC
9/13 Elizabeth City, NC
9/19 Danville, VA
9/27 Sanford, VA
10/4 East Bend, NC
10/11 Danville, VA
10/18 Dillwyn, VA
10/25 Elizabeth City, NC
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AMA Texas Championship Hare Scrambles Series
4/26 Rockne, TX
6/7 Rockne, TX
6/21 Fort Hood, TX
7/26 Conroe, TX
8/30 TBA
10/11 Altair, TX
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Sat., Apr	11	GFI "Super Saturday" Motocross	Perris
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Sun., Apr	26	GFI Cal. Winter Series - N./S. Showdown	Perris

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Saturday Practice prior to each event 8am - 2pm

CALENDAR

Calendar listings are a free service for *Cycle News* readers and race promoters. All information is the responsibility of the promoter. **Calendar listings cannot be accepted over the phone**; we must have a complete written Calendar listing on file. Use listing blank in this section. Listings must be received by Wednesday for publication in the following week's issue. We strongly suggest racers/spectators call the promoter/track to confirm details before traveling to the event. **FAX - 714-436-9574**

5/10 London, KY
6/6-7 Blountville, TN
7/4-5 Beckley, WV
7/10-11 Blountville, TN
7/19 Wytheville, VA
9/6 London, KY
9/26-27 Sevierville, TN
10/3-4 London, KY
10/16-18 Blountville, TN
Info: 423/323-5497

AMA Carolina Ultra Series
4/11-12 Forest City, NC
5/17 Forest City, NC
5/31 Iron Station, NC
6/27-28 Reidsville, NC
8/30 Iron Station, NC
9/20 Columbus, NC
10/11 Chesterfield, SC
10/31-11/1 Society Hill, SC
Info: 423/323-5497

AMA/District 10 Daniel Boone Sheltowee Series
4/11 London, KY
4/19 Clay City, KY
4/25-26 London, KY
5/9-10 London, KY
5/23-24 London, KY
6/6-7 Muddycreek, TN
7/5 London, KY
7/18 London, KY
8/15 Leitchfield, KY
8/22 London, KY
9/5-6 London, KY
9/26-27 Dollywood, TN
10/3-4 London, KY
10/25 London, KY
Info: 606/877-1364

AMA Eastern Four Stroke National
9/19-20 Danville, VA
9/26-27 Buchanan, MI
10/3-4 London, KY
10/10-11 Casey, IL
10/17-18 Blountville, TN
11/7-8 Society Hills, SC
Info: 606/877-1364

AMA District 25 Four Corners Motocross
4/19 Aztec, NM
5/16-17 Mesa Verde, CO
6/21 Aztec, NM
7/12 Mesa Verde, CO
8/16 Mesa Verde, CO
9/5 Mesa Verde, CO
9/6 Mesa Verde, CO
9/27 Aztec, NM
10/11 Aztec, NM
Info: 970/533-9747 or 505/325-4195

AMA District 14 Vintage Motocross State Championship Series
5/3 Newaygo, MI
5/17 Buchanan, MI
6/6-7 North Branch, MI
6/20-21 Coldwater, MI
7/12 Stanton, MI
8/9 Millington, MI
8/16 Midland, MI
9/5-6 Coldwater, MI
9/19-20 Bloomingdale, MI
9/27 Millington, MI
10/4 Millington, MI
10/18 Buchanan, MI
Info: 248/305-8783

AMA National Reliability Enduro Series
Western Region
5/30 Idaho City, ID
5/31 Idaho City, ID
6/6 Bellingham, WA
6/7 Bellingham, WA
Central Region
5/16 New Waverly, TX
5/17 New Waverly, TX
6/20 Hurricane Mills, TN
6/21 Hurricane Mills, TN
Eastern Region
5/23 McArthur, OH
5/24 McArthur, OH
6/20 Hurricane Mills, TN
6/21 Hurricane Mills, TN
Championship Finale
6/20-21 Hurricane Mills, TN
Info: 304/284-0084

AMA/District 36 Vintage Dirt Track Championship Series
4/11 Lodi, CA, Rnds 5, 6
4/18 Lodi, CA, Rnds 7, 8
4/25 Lodi, CA, Rnds 9, 10
5/2 Newman, CA, Rnd 11
5/9 Canceled
5/16 Newman, CA, Rnd 13
5/30 Lodi, CA, Rnds 14, 15
6/6 Lodi, CA, Rnds 16, 17
6/13 Lodi, CA, Rnds 18, 19
6/20 Newman, CA, Rnd 20
6/27 Newman, CA, Rnd 21
7/11 Lodi, CA, Rnds 22, 23
7/18 Newman, CA, Rnd 24
7/25 Newman, CA, Rnd 25
8/8 Lodi, CA, Rnds 26, 27
8/15 Lodi, CA, Rnds 28, 29
8/22 Lodi, CA, Rnds 30, 31
9/19 Lodi, CA, Rnds 32, 33
10/3 Lodi, CA, Rnds 34, 35
10/10 Lodi, CA, Rnds 36, 37
10/17 Lodi, CA, Rnds 38, 39
10/24 Lodi, CA, Rnd 40
Info: 209/369-1667 or 209/368-7809

AMA/District 36 Amateur/Youth Dirt Track C'ship Series
4/11 Lodi, CA, Rnds 5, 6
4/18 Lodi, CA, Rnds 7, 8
4/25 Lodi, CA, Rnds 9, 10
5/2 Newman, CA, Rnd 11
5/9 Canceled
5/16 Newman, CA, Rnd 13
5/30 Lodi, CA, Rnds 14, 15
6/6 Lodi, CA, Rnds 16, 17
6/13 Lodi, CA, Rnds 18, 19
6/20 Newman, CA, Rnd 20
6/27 Newman, CA, Rnd 21
7/11 Lodi, CA, Rnds 22, 23
7/18 Newman, CA, Rnd 24
7/25 Newman, CA, Rnd 25
8/8 Lodi, CA, Rnds 26, 27
8/15 Lodi, CA, Rnds 28, 29
8/22 Lodi, CA, Rnds 30, 31
9/19 Lodi, CA, Rnds 32, 33
10/3 Lodi, CA, Rnds 34, 35
10/10 Lodi, CA, Rnds 36, 37
10/17 Lodi, CA, Rnds 38, 39
10/24 Lodi, CA, Rnd 40
Info: 209/368-7182 or 209/463-6224

AMA/District 36 Championship Enduro Series
4/18 Navarro, CA, Rnd 2
4/25 Foresthill, CA, Rnd 3
5/3 Georgetown, CA, Rnd 4
5/17 Clear Creek, CA, Rnd 5
6/14 Long Barn, CA, Rnd 6
10/11 Redding, CA, Rnd 7
10/18 Stonyford, CA, Rnd 8
10/25 Elkins Flat, CA, Rnd 9
10/31 Upper Lake, CA, Rnd 10
11/8 Stonyford, CA, Rnd 11
11/15 Ballinger Canyon, Rnd 12
Info: 408/281-3805

AMA/District 34 Family Motocross Series
4/19 Modena, NY
4/26 Claverack, NY
5/3 Monticello, NY
5/10 Walkill, NY
5/17 Claverack, NY
5/24 Modena, NY
5/31 Monticello, NY
6/7 Modena, NY
6/13 Monticello, NY
6/14 Monticello, NY
6/21 Modena, NY
6/28 Walkill, NY
7/5 Modena, NY
7/12 Modena, NY
7/19 Monticello, NY
7/26 Walkill, NY
8/2 Walkill, NY
8/9 Claverack, NY
8/16 Walkill, NY
8/23 Modena, NY
8/30 Monticello, NY
9/6 Modena, NY
9/13 Claverack, NY
9/20 Modena, NY
9/27 Walkill, NY
10/4 Modena, NY
10/11 Modena, NY
10/18 Walkill, NY
10/25 Modena, NY
11/1 Modena, NY
Info: 518/828-6149

AMA/District 36 Family Enduro Series
4/25 Foresthill, CA
5/16 Clear Creek, CA
5/31 Omo Ranch, CA
11/14 Foresthill, CA
11/22 Stonyford, CA
Info: 408/281-3805

AMA/District 37 Dual Sport Ride Series
4/25-26 Cantil, CA
5/17 Mojave, CA
7/18-19 Sequoia National Forest, CA
8/1-2 Mammoth Lakes, CA
8/8-9 Big Bear Lake, CA
8/29-30 Bass Lake, CA
9/27 Silverwood Lake, CA
10/3-4 Ridgecrest, CA
10/17-18 Mesquite, NV*
10/31-11/1 Ridgecrest, CA
11/15 Riverside, CA
11/27-28 LA-Barstow-Las Vegas*
12/27 Cantil, CA
* National Trail Ride Series Events
Info: 818/249-2141 (3,1)

Team Dual Dogs/KTM/Galpin Ford California Dual Sport Series
4/12 Santa Barbara, CA
5/2-3 Frazier Park, CA
6/6-7 Lake Isabella, CA
10/31-11/1 California Hot Springs, CA
11/22 Newhall, CA
1/2-3/99 Mojave, CA
Info: 818/701-1913

AMA/District 37 Big 6 GP Series
5/2-5/3 Palmdale, CA
10/3-10/4 San Bernardino, CA
10/31-11/1 Gorman, CA
Info: 619/251-3489 or 562/428-4971

AMA/Districts 37 & 38 Flat Track Series
4/19 Temecula, CA
6/13 Temecula, CA
7/18 Temecula, CA
8/15 Temecula, CA
9/19 Temecula, CA
10/10 Del Mar, CA
10/17 Temecula, CA
11/14 Temecula, CA
Info: 619/277-1591

AMA Hot Shoe Series
6/6 Dayton, OH
6/7 Peoria, IL
8/1 Peoria, IL
8/16 Spokane, WA
8/28 Greenville, OH
9/4 Castle Rock, WA
9/5 Castle Rock, WA
9/5 Springfield, IL
Info: 614/891-2425

AMA Pacific Northwest Championship Series
7/5 Washougal, WA
7/26 Trulson, WA
8/9 Mount View, WA
8/16 Ward Creek, WA
8/23 Washougal, WA
Info: 541/673-1671

AMA GFTL Series
4/18 Danielsville, GA, Rnd 1
5/2-3 Danielsville, GA, Rnds 2, 3
5/23-24 TBA
6/20 Danielsville, GA, Rnd 6
7/25-26 TBA
8/22 Danielsville, GA, Rnd 9
9/26-27 Danielsville, GA, Rnds 10, 11
10/24-25 TBA
11/21 Danielsville, GA, Charity Race
Info: 770/962-7888 or 770/339-3997

Checkered Flag Series
4/25 Danielsville, GA, Rnd 1
5/9 Danielsville, GA, Rnd 2
6/6 Danielsville, GA, Rnd 3
7/4 Danielsville, GA, Rnd 4
8/8 Danielsville, GA, Rnd 5
9/12 Danielsville, GA, Rnd 6
10/10 Danielsville, GA, Rnd 7
11/7 Danielsville, GA, Rnd 8
Info: 770/962-7888 or 770/339-3997

AHRMA Progressive Suspension Historic Cup Series
4/25-26 Sonoma, CA
5/2-3 Rosamond, CA
6/6-7 Elkhart Lake, WI
6/20-21 Grattan, MI
7/11-12 Lexington, OH
8/1-2 Faulkville, GA
8/22-23 Braselton, GA
9/19 Steamboat Springs, CO
10/3-4 Talladega, AL
Info: 715/842-9699

AHRMA SOS/BOT/ Sound of Thunder Series
4/25-26 Sonoma, CA
5/2-3 Rosamond, CA
6/6-7 Elkhart Lake, WI
6/20-21 Grattan, MI
7/11-12 Lexington, OH
8/1-2 Faulkville, GA
8/22-23 Braselton, GA
9/19-20 Steamboat Springs, CO
10/3-4 Talladega, AL
Info: 715/842-9699

AHRMA Speed & Sport Vintage Motocross Series
4/26 Sonoma, CA
5/16 Casey, IL
6/6 Elkhart Lake, WI
6/20 Grattan, MI
7/11 Lexington, OH
8/15 Southwick, MA
8/29 Tyler, TX
9/18 Steamboat Springs, CO
9/26 Peoria, IL
10/18 Hollister, CA
11/8 Tulare, CA
Info: 715/842-9699

AHRMA Classic Bike Magazine Dirt Track Series
5/2 Rosamond, CA
5/2 Budds Creek, MD
5/16 Hanford, CA
5/24 Port Royal, PA
6/12 Cumberland, MD
7/9 Indianapolis, IN
7/10 Ashland, OH
7/25 Weedsport, NY
8/1 Savannah, GA
8/21 Lavonia, GA
8/29 Athens, OH
9/4 Castle Rock, WA
9/16 Hayden, CO
9/27 Sacramento, CA
9/27 Peoria, IL
10/10 Del Mar, CA
Info: 715/842-9699

AHRMA Speed & Sport Vintage Trials Series
4/25 Sonoma, CA
5/3 Rosamond, CA
5/10 Collins, MO
5/17 Casey, IL
6/7 Elkhart Lake, WI
6/21 Grattan, MI
7/12 Lexington, OH
8/16 Norden, CA
8/23 Braselton, GA
9/17 Steamboat Springs, CO
9/27 Peoria, IL
10/3 Millersville, AL
10/10 White City, IL
10/17 Hollister, CA
Info: 715/842-9699

AHRMA Dixie Cup Roadrace Series
8/1-2 Faulkville, GA
8/22-23 Braselton, GA
10/3-4 Talladega, AL
Info: 715/842-9699

AHRMA Masters of the Midwest Roadrace Series
6/6-7 Elkhart Lake, WI
6/20-21 Grattan, MI
7/11-12 Lexington, OH
Info: 715/842-9699

AHRMA Pacific Crown Roadrace Series
4/25-26 Sonoma, CA
5/2-3 Rosamond, CA
Info: 715/842-9699

AHRMA Midwest Regional MX Series
4/11 Bedford, KY
4/25-26 Wappela, IL
5/9 Collins, MO
7/25 Lamoni, IA
8/8 Logan, OH
8/22 Belding, MI
9/5 Linnville, OH
10/3 Denmark, WI
10/24 Casey, IL
Info: 920/684-4331

AHRMA/El Dorado Cycle Midwest Trials Series
4/19 Ridgedale, MO
5/10 Collins, MO
8/2 Cape Girardeau, MO
9/13 Marshfield, MO
10/10 White City, IL
10/25 Park Hills, MO
Info: 417/859-4158

AHRMA Northeast Regional Hare Scrambles Series
6/28 Plymouth, PA
9/20 Plymouth, PA
Info: 717/675-1814

AHRMA Northeast Regional MX Series
5/17 Berwick, PA
5/24 Mexico, NY
6/6-7 Lempster, NH
7/11 Budds Creek, MD
8/15 Southwick, MA
8/23 TBA
9/6 Englishtown, NJ
9/26 Binghamton, NY
10/10 Clifford, PA
Info: 914/429-9465

AHRMA Northwest Regional MX Series
4/26 Sonoma, CA
5/17 Fernley, NV
5/31 Phillipsville, CA
6/28 Eugene, OR
7/19 Carson City, NV
8/15 Soda Springs, CA
10/18 Hollister, CA
11/8 Tulare, CA
Info: 408/663-4014

AHRMA Rocky Mountain Regional MX Series
5/3 Casper, WY
5/17 Berthoud, CO
6/14 Price, UT
7/26 Colorado Springs, CO
8/23 Johnstown, CO
9/20 Craig, CO
9/27 Berthoud, CO
Info: 970/879-6651

AHRMA/European Dirt Rocky Mountain Regional Trials Series
5/2 Casper, WY
5/16 Berthoud, CO
6/14 Price, UT
8/23 Johnstown, CO
9/27 Berthoud, CO
Info: 303/629-3069

AHRMA Southeast Dixie Series
6/14 Sales Creek, TN
6/28 Bremen, GA
7/5 Morganton, NC
8/23 Atlanta, GA
11/8 Bremen, GA
Info: 770/986-3213

AHRMA Southeast Regional MX Series
4/26 Bremen, GA
5/31 Sales Creek, TN
7/18 Bremen, GA
8/1 Budds Creek, MD
8/9 Woodbine, GA
10/11 Reddick, FL
Info: 770/986-3213

AHRMA Southeast Regional Trials Series
4/26 Bremen, GA
7/25 Bremen, GA
8/23 Braselton, GA
10/3 Millersville, AL
10/17or18 Palmetto, GA
Info: 334/826-1969

AHRMA Southwest Regional MX Series
4/19 Lemon Grove, CA
5/31 Carlsbad, CA
6/21 Lemon Grove, CA
8/1 Perris, CA
9/27 Carlsbad, CA
11/8 Tulare, CA
11/22 TBA
Info: 909/929-6772

AHRMA Western Regional Dirt Track Series
4/19 Temecula, CA
5/16 Hanford, CA
6/13 Chowchilla, CA
6/14 Lodi, CA
7/25 Quincy, CA
8/9 Hollister, CA
9/7 Lancaster, CA
10/3 Tulare, CA
10/4 Lodi, CA
10/10 Del Mar, CA
10/24 Tulare, CA
Info: 818/992-5343

SERA Enduro Series
4/26 Clanton, AL
5/3 Wiggins, MS
5/17 Saucier, MS
5/31 Laurel, MS
6/14 Goodman, MS
8/9 Breezy Hill, LA
9/13 Rockford, AL
9/27 New Augusta, MS
10/11 Odenville, AL
11/1 Maplesville, AL
Info: 205/980-5191

SERA Hare Scrambles Series
6/28 Huntsville, AL
7/19 Rockford, AL
9/6 Fort Polk, LA
9/26 New Augusta, MS
11/15 Meridian, MS
12/6 Maplesville, AL
1/3 Saucier, MS
1/17 Maplesville, AL
2/7 Odenville, AL
Info: 504/665-0313

CCS/Championship Cup Road Racing Series
Florida Region
4/26 West Palm Beach, FL
5/25 West Palm Beach, FL
6/28 West Palm Beach, FL
7/4-5 Homestead, FL
7/26 West Palm Beach, FL
8/23 West Palm Beach, FL
9/5-6 Bloomingdale, GA
9/27 West Palm Beach, FL
12/5-6 Homestead, FL
Southeast Region
4/11-12 Bloomingdale, GA
5/23-24 Bloomingdale, GA
6/20-21 Talladega, AL
7/11-12 Bloomingdale, GA
8/8-9 Talladega, AL
9/5-6 Bloomingdale, GA
9/19-20 Braselton, GA
Mid-Atlantic Region
4/11-12 Summit Point, WV
5/23-24 Bloomingdale, GA
5/30-31 Summit Point, WV
7/11-12 Summit Point, WV
8/29-30 Summit Point, WV
9/19-20 Braselton, GA
Northeast Region
4/18-19 Loudon, NH
5/2-3 Loudon, NH
6/13-14 Loudon, NH
7/18-19 Loudon, NH
8/8-9 Loudon, NH
9/12-13 Loudon, NH
10/3-4 Loudon, NH
Great Lakes Region
4/11-12 Beloit, IL
4/25-26 Mount Meridian, IN
5/8-10 Elkhart Lake, WI
5/23-24 Beloit, IL
6/6-7 Grattan, MI
6/27-28 Beloit, IL
7/11-12 Beloit, IL
8/1-2 Elkhart Lake, WI
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8/29-30 Brainerd, MN
9/5-6 Beloit, IL
Midwest Region
4/11-12 Beloit, IL
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5/8-10 Elkhart Lake, WI
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8/29-30 Brainerd, MN
9/5-6 Beloit, IL
Great Plains Region
4/11-12 Beloit, IL
4/25-26 Mount Meridian, IN
5/8-10 Elkhart Lake, WI
5/23-24 Beloit, IL
6/27-28 Beloit, IL
7/25-26 Topeka, KS
8/1-2 Elkhart Lake, WI
8/15-16 Topeka, KS
8/29-30 Brainerd, MN
Southwest Region
5/2-3 Chandler, AZ
8/1-2 Buttonwillow, CA
8/29-30 Chandler, AZ
10/3-4 Chandler, AZ
11/28-29 Chandler, AZ
12/19-20 Chandler, AZ
California Region
5/9-10 Buttonwillow, CA
8/1-2 Buttonwillow, CA
8/29-30 Chandler, AZ
10/3-4 Chandler, AZ
11/14-15 Buttonwillow, CA
12/5-6 Buttonwillow, CA

CCS Race of Champions
10/21-21 Daytona Beach, FL
Info: 704/684-4297

North American Sport Bike
5/9-10 Elkhart Lake, WI
5/16-17 Watkins Glen, NY
7/4-5 Buttonwillow, CA
7/25-26 Topeka, KS
8/29-30 Braselton, GA
10/20-25 Daytona Beach, FL
TBA Homestead, FL
Info: 704/684-4297

WERA National Endurance Series
4/25 Millington, TN
5/16 Hampton, GA
6/13 Faulkville, GA
6/27 Clermont, IN
7/11 Grattan, MI
8/1 Summit Point, WV
8/22 Mount Meridian, IN
9/19 College Station, TX
10/16 Braselton, GA
Info: 770/924-8404 or www.wera.com

WERA National Challenge Series
4/24-26 Millington, TN
5/15-17 Hampton, GA
6/13-14 Faulkville, GA
6/25-28 Clermont, IN
7/10-12 Grattan, MI
7/31-8/2 Summit Point, WV
8/22-23 Mount Meridian, IN
9/18-20 College Station, TX
10/14-18 Braselton, GA
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WERA Vintage Series
4/18-19 Clermont, IN
4/18-19 College Station, TX*
4/25-26 Summit Point, WV

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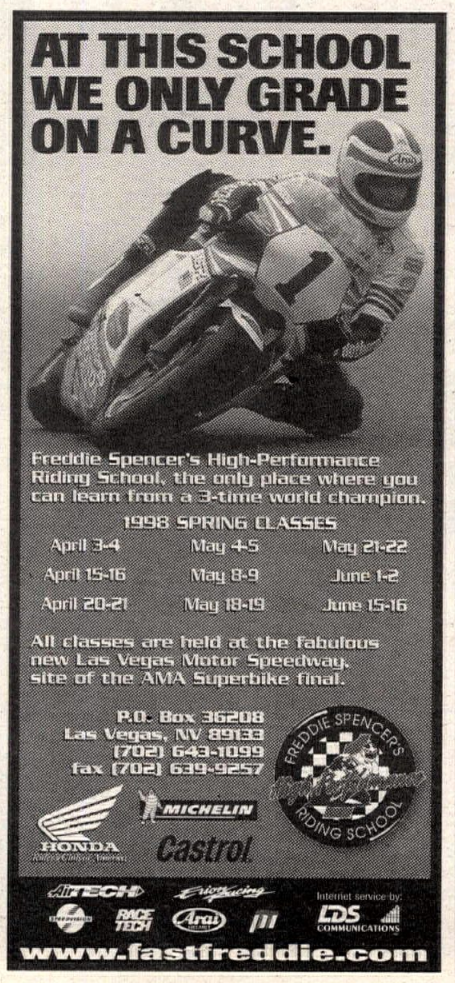

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Competition Schedule

Date	*Club*	*Event*
Apr 11 Saturday	*So Cal M.C. Burrito Run* @ Camp Rock Rd., Lucerne Valley, CA Info: John 626-337-4911	Hare & Hound
Apr 11 Saturday	*District 37 Benefit* @ Camp Rock Rd., Lucerne Valley, CA Info: Bill 909-944-3279	Poker Run
Apr 26	*Vikings M.C.* @ Lucerne Valley, CA Info: 562-420-2812 or 805-253-0440	National Hare & Hound
May 2-3	*Shamrocks M.C.* @ L.A. County Raceway, Palmdale, CA Info: Ron 818-767-4594	Grand Prix
May 9-10	*Badgers M.C.* @Red Mountain, CA Info: Jay 805-242-2712	Dual European Scrambles

Dual Sport Schedule *Info (818) 249-2141 (3,1)*

Date	*Club*	*Event*
Apr 25-26	*USA Dual Sport Club* @ Jawbone Canyon, Cantil, CA Info: Richard 818-348-7237	Dual Sport
May 3	Rescheduled from rain out: *Cal Poly Penguins "Hi Mtn."* @ Univ Lot H-12, San Luis Obispo, CA Info: Bernie 805-239-3688	Dual Sport

Dual Sport web site:
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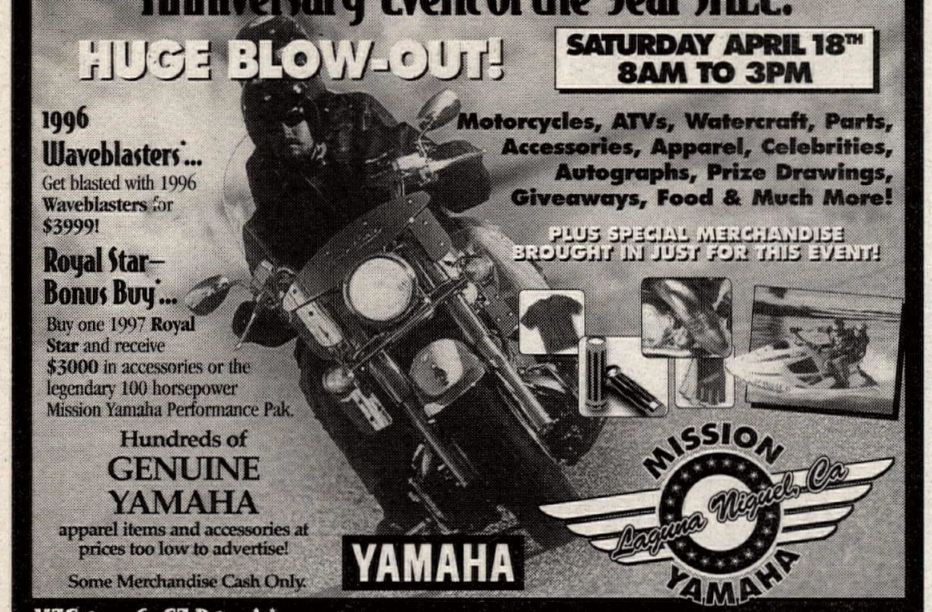

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5/9-10 Grattan, MI
5/9-10 Henderson, TX
5/23-24 Mount Meridian, IN*
5/30-31 Garrettsville, OH
6/20-21 Summit Point, WV*
6/25-28 Indianapolis, IN*
7/4-5 Braselton, GA
7/18-19 Millington, TN
7/18-19 College Station, TX
7/25-26 Garrettsville, OH
8/8-9 Faulkville, GA
8/15-16 South Haven, MI
8/22-23 Talladega, AL
8/29-30 Hallet, OK
9/5-6 Garrettsville, OH*
9/12-13 Grattan, MI*
9/12-13 Summit Point, WV
9/19-20 Faulkville, GA
9/18-20 College Station, TX
9/26-27 Mount Meridian, IN
10/14-18 Braselton, GA*
* Double point events
Info: 407/831-4331 or www.weravintage.com

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North Central
4/18-19 Clermont, IN
5/9-10 Grattan, MI
5/23-24 Mount Meridian, IN
5/30-31 Garrettsville, OH
6/25-28 Indianapolis, IN
7/18-19 Millington, TN
8/15-16 S. Haven, MI
8/22-23 Mount Meridian, IN
9/12-13 Grattan, MI
9/26-27 Mount Meridian, IN

Northeast
4/18-19 Clermont, IN
4/25-26 Summit Point, WV
5/30-31 Garrettsville, OH
6/20-21 Summit Point, WV
6/25-28 Indianapolis, IN
7/25-26 Garrettsville, OH
8/8-9 Garrettsville, OH
9/5-6 Garrettsville, OH
9/12-13 Summit Point, WV

Mid-Central
5/2-3 Talladega, AL
5/23-24 Mount Meridian, IN
6/5-7 Hallet, OK
6/25-28 Indianapolis, IN
7/4-5 Braselton, GA
7/18-19 Millington, TN
8/8-9 Henderson, TX
8/22-23 Talladega, AL
8/29-30 Hallet, OK

South Central
4/18-19 College Station, TX
5/9-10 Henderson, TX
6/5-7 Hallet, OK
6/25-28 Indianapolis, IN
7/18-19 College Station, TX
8/8-9 Henderson, TX
8/29-30 Hallet, OK
9/18-20 College Station, TX

Southeast
5/2-3 Talladega, AL
5/15-17 Hampton, GA
6/13-14 Faulkville, GA
6/25-28 Indianapolis, IN
7/4-5 Braselton, GA
7/18-19 Millington, TN
8/8-9 Faulkville, GA
8/22-23 Talladega, AL
9/19-20 Faulkville, GA
Info: 770/924-8404 or www.wera.com

ECEA Championship Enduro Series

5/3 New Lisbon, NJ
5/17 Indian Mills, NJ
5/24 New Philadelphia, PA
6/14 Stanhope, NJ
6/28 Webb Mills, NY
7/12 West Greenwich, RI
7/19 Blain, PA
7/26 Crossforks, PA
8/16 Speedsville, NY
8/30 Mauricetown, NJ
9/13 Shippensburg, PA
9/20 Brandonville, PA
9/27 New Lisbon, NJ
10/4 New Gretna, NJ
10/25 Delaware City, DE
11/1 Rawlings, MD
Info: 717/865-0601

ECEA Championship Hare Scrambles Series

4/19 Good Springs, PA
4/26 St. Georges, DE
5/10 Woodland Twp., NJ
5/31 Belleplain, NJ
6/6-7 Manahawkin, NJ
6/21 Brandonville, PA
8/23 Stanhope, NJ
10/11 Budds Creek, MD
10/18 Mauricetown, NJ
11/8 Warren Grove, NJ
Info: 717/865-0601

ECEA Dual Sport Series

6/21 Belleplain, NJ
10/11 Indian Mills, NJ
10/18 New Philadelphia, PA
11/15 Greenbank, NJ
Info: 717/865-0601

Great Lakes Road Racing Association Series

4/18-19 Grattan, MI
5/9-10 Indianapolis, IN
5/30-31 Grattan, MI
6/10-11 Elkhart Lake, WI
7/4-5 Grattan, MI
7/15-16 Lexington, OH
8/8-9 Indianapolis, IN
8/22-23 Grattan, MI
9/19-20 Grattan, MI
Info: 616/458-5888

Formula USA Road Racing Series

5/15-17 Fountain, CO
6/5-7 Mosport, Canada
7/17-19 Portland, OR
8/7-9 Loudon, NH
8/28-30 Pocono, PA
Info: 530/582-1061

USCRA Vintage Road Race Series

5/2-3 Loudon, NH
5/30-31 Shannonville, Ontario, Canada
6/14 Belknap, NH
6/15 Loudon, NH
6/20 Loudon, NH
7/24-26 Shubenacadie, Nova Scotia, Canada
8/14-16 Loudon, NH
8/21-23 Mosport, Ontario, Canada
9/28 Loudon, NH
Info: 607/277-2369 or 603/239-6778

Over The Hill Gang National Series

5/23-24 Reno, NV
6/20-21 Mammoth Mountain, CA
9/12-13 Hollister Hills, CA
10/17-18 Hungry Valley, CA
Info: 562/864-6875 or 714/680-8643

Mammoth Motocross

6/25-28 Mammoth Lakes, CA
Info: 760/934-0642

Rocky Mountain Motocross Association

Spring Series
4/26 Erie, CO
5/3 Brush, CO
5/10 Colorado Springs, CO
5/23-24 Watkins, CO
6/14 Craig, CO

Summer Series
6/21 TBA
7/12 Craig, CO
7/26 Brush, CO
8/16 Watkins, CO
8/23 Erie, CO
9/6 Colorado Springs, CO
9/13 TBA
9/27 Brush, CO
10/4 Watkins, CO
Info: 719/473-6723 or 303/271-0190

Sports Riders Association of Colorado Motocross Series

4/19 Pueblo, CO
5/3 Cheyenne, WY
5/31 Pueblo, CO
6/7 Cheyenne, CO
6/14 Colorado Springs, CO
6/21 Colorado Springs, CO
6/27-28 Watkins, CO
7/12 Berthoud, CO
7/26 Cheyenne, WY
8/2 Colorado Springs, CO
8/9 Berthoud, CO
8/22 TBA
9/13 Colorado Springs, CO
9/20 Pueblo, CO
9/27 Colorado Springs, CO
10/4 Berthoud, CO
10/11 TBA

Supercross Series
4/26 Denver, CO
5/9 Greeley, CO
5/16 Grand Junction, CO
7/18 Colorado Springs, CO
8/16 Grand Junction, C
8/29 TBA
Info: 303/988-7722

Wild West Motocross Series

4/25-26 Ogden, UT
5/16-17 Rock Springs, WY
5/23-24 Boise, ID
6/13-14 Elko, NV
7/4-5 Pocatello, ID
7/25-26 Rupert, ID
8/8-9 Pocatello, ID
9/5-6 Salt Lake City or Ogden, UT
Info: 208/887-8695 or 208/236-5383

SD/IAMA Motocross Series

4/19 Sioux Falls, SD
6/7 Armstrong, IA
6/14 Fort Dodge, IA
6/21 Yankton, SD
6/28 Sioux City, IA
7/11 Truesdale, IA
7/18 Ida Grove, IA
7/26 I-90 Trimont, MN
8/2 Fort Dodge, IA
8/8 Truesdale, IA
8/23 I-90 Trimont, MN
8/30 Armstrong, IA
9/20 Yankton, SD
9/27 Sioux Falls, SD
Info: 605/665-3512

Alabama State Championship Motocross Series

4/26 Chandler Mountain, AL
5/2 Ironman, AL
5/9 Kilpatrick, AL
5/17 Chandler Mountain, AL
5/23 Kilpatrick, AL
9/6 Chandler Mountain, AL
9/12 Kilpatrick, AL
9/19 Ironman, AL
10/4 Chandler Mountain, AL
10/10 Kilpatrick, AL
10/17 Ironman, AL
Info: 205/681-8317 or 205/663-0963 or 205/561-3495

Sunshine State MX Championship Series

4/19 Reddick, FL, Rnd 6
4/26 Dade City, FL, Rnd 7
5/3 Ona, FL, Rnd 8
5/10 Reddick, FL, Rnd 9
5/24 Orlando, FL, Rnd 10
5/31 Ocala, FL, Rnd 11
6/7 Dade City, FL, Rnd 12
6/28 Ona, FL, Rnd 13
7/5 Orlando, FL, Rnd 14
7/12 Reddick, FL, Rnd 15
7/19 Dade City, FL, Rnd 16
7/26 Ona, FL, Rnd 17
8/16 Orlando, FL, Rnd 18
8/23 Reddick, FL, Rnd 19
8/30 Dade City, FL, Rnd 20
9/6 Ona, FL, Rnd 21
9/13 Orlando, FL, Rnd 22
Info: 352/242-2605

KTMXA Motocross Series

4/11 Draffenville, KY
4/26 Milan, TN
5/3 Apex Valley, KY
5/16 Draffenville, KY
5/24 Milan, TN
5/30 Atwood, TN
6/12 Murray, KY
7/4 Atwood, TN
7/18 Draffenville, KY
8/9 Apex Valley, KY
8/22 Atwood, TN
8/29 Paris, TN
9/5 Clarksville, TN
9/19 Paris, TN
9/26 Paris, TN
10/3 Murray, KY
10/11 Milan, TN
Info: 901/642-0511

Tennessee State Arena X Championship Series

8/29 Paris, TN
9/12 Dyersburg, TN
9/19 Paris, TN
9/26 Paris, TN
10/10 Paris, TN
10/17 Jackson, TN
10/24 Paris, TN
Info: 901/642-0511

GNC Texas MX Series

4/12 Burleson, TX
5/3 Arlington, TX
5/10 Waller, TX
5/31 Bastrop, TX
6/7 Arlington, TX
Info: 214/351-9900

New England State Motocross Championships

4/19 Southwick, MA
4/26 Middleboro, MA
5/3 Central Village, CT
5/10 Southwick, MA
5/17 Southwick, MA
5/24-25 Greene, ME
5/31 Middleboro, MA
6/7 Southwick, MA
6/14 Southwick, MA (National)
6/21 Central Village, CT
6/28 Middleboro, MA
7/4-5 Greene, ME
7/12 Middleboro, MA
7/26 Southwick, MA
8/2 Middleboro, MA
8/9 Central Village, CT
8/16 Southwick, MA
8/23 Middleboro, MA
9/6-7 Greene, ME
9/13 Southwick, MA

9/20 Central Village, CT
9/26-27 Greene, ME
10/4 Middleboro, MA
10/11 Southwick, MA
10/18 Middleboro, MA
10/25 Southwick, MA
11/1 Middleboro, MA
Info: 617/982-4307

MARS Motorcycle Asphalt Racing Series
5/15 Myrtle Beach, SC
9/18 Asheville, NC
10/17 Hampton, VA
Info: 803/626-7959

Northeast Pro Flat Track Series
5/9 Trois Riveries, Canada
6/19 Rochester, NH
6/26 Lebanon Valley, NY
7/10 Agawam, MA
7/24 Middletown, NY
7/25 Weedsport, NY
7/31 Quebec City, Canada
8/21 Agawam, MA
8/23 Stafford Springs, CT
Info: 978/874-1732

New England Dirt Track Series
5/9 East Lempster, NH
5/30 East Lempster, NH
6/13 Canaan, NH
6/27 East Lempster, NH
7/18 East Lempster, NH
8/1 Canaan, NH
8/15 East Lempster, NH
8/29 Bangor, ME
8/30 Bangor, ME
9/26 East Lempster, NH
10/10 East Lempster, NH
Info: 978/874-1732

New England Trials Association
5/3 Meriden, CT
5/17 Exeter, RI
5/31 Chepachet, RI
6/14 Meriden, CT
6/28 Ossippee, NH
7/19 Meriden, CT
8/16 Cumberland, RI
9/13 Meriden, CT
9/27 Exeter, RI
10/18 Chepachet, RI
Info: 508/429-7675 or 401/334-4820 or www.tiac.net/users/danwilms

Jackpine Gypsies Short Track Series
5/2 Sturgis, SD
5/16 Sturgis, SD
5/30 Sturgis, SD
6/13 Casper, WY
6/27 Sturgis, SD
7/11 Sturgis, SD
7/25 Sturgis, SD
8/3-4 Sturgis, SD
8/7-8 Sturgis, SD
8/29 Sturgis, SD
9/12 Sturgis, SD
Info: 605/347-6022 or http://gypsies.sturgis-rally.com

Jackpine Gypsies Motocross Series
5/3 Sturgis, SD
6/13 Casper, WY
7/12 Sturgis, SD
8/2 Sturgis, SD
8/30 Sturgis, SD
9/13 Sturgis, SD
Info: 605/347-6022 or http://gypsies.sturgis-rally.com

Jackpine Gypsies TT Race Series
5/31 Sturgis, SD
9/19 Sturgis, SD
Info: 605/347-6022 or http://gypsies.sturgis-rally.com

NETRA Championship Enduro Series
5/31 Freetown, PA
6/7 Wrentham, MA
6/14 Somers, CT
7/12 West Greenwich, RI
7/19 Oxford, MA
8/9 West Granville, MA
9/13 Lee, MA
10/4 Adams, MA
10/18 Chester, CT
11/1 West Stafford, CT
11/15 Central Village, CT
Info: 860/875-5757

NETRA Championship Hare Scrambles Series
4/26 Modena, NY
5/3 Uxbridge, MA
5/17 Fishouse, NY
6/21 Thomaston, CT
6/28 Union, CT
7/5 Chelsea, VT
7/12 Windsor, MA
7/26 East Hampton, CT
8/2 West Unity, NH
8/23 Union, CT
8/30 Alton, NH
9/6 Uxbridge, MA
9/13 Hoosick, NY
9/20 West Greenwich, RI
10/11 Assonet, MA
Info: 860/875-5757

NETRA Turkey Run Series
5/17 West Greenwich, RI
6/13-14 Loudon, NH
8/16 Porters Corner, NY
9/13 North Haverhill, NH
9/20 New Boston, MA
9/27 Wrentham, MA
10/11 Winchendon, MA
10/25 Central Village, CT
Info: 860/875-5757

NETRA Championship Junior Enduro Series
4/25 Brimfield, MA
5/16 Fishouse, NY
6/20 Thomaston, CT
6/27 Union, CT
7/4 Granville, MA
7/25 Southampton, MA
8/22 Union, CT
8/29 Alton, NH
9/26 Brimfield, MA
10/10 Assonet, MA
11/7 Winchendon, MA
Info: 860/875-5757

MRA Suzuki Tri-State Challenge
5/3 Milan, MI
7/10 Milan, MI
7/11 Delta, OH
7/12 Delta, OH
10/4 Delta, OH
10/11 Milan, MI
Info: 419/822-3006 or 734/241-1600

MRA Ironman GP Series
6/14 Delta, OH
6/28 Delta, OH
7/26 Delta, OH
8/9 Delta, OH
8/23 Delta, OH
9/20 Delta, OH
10/25 Delta, OH
11/1 Delta, OH
Info: 419/822-3006 or 734/241-1600

Southeastern Trials Riders Association C'Ship Series
4/18 Cleveland, GA
5/2-3 Clinton, SC
5/23-24 Crossville, TN
6/6-7 TBA
6/20-21 Carrollton, KY
8/15-16 Shooting Creek, NC
9/5-6 Cookeville, TN
9/19-20 Gadsden, AL
10/3-4 Millerville, AL
10/24-25 Sequatchie, TN
11/14-15 Cumming, GA
Info: 423/942-8688

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5/16-17 Twinsburg, OH
6/20-21 Carrollton, KY
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7/26 Lancaster, OH
8/16 Dayton, OH
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10/11 Dayton, OH
11/14 TBA
Info: 937/299-1501

Mid East Hare Scramble Series
4/19 Morganton, NC
5/3 Hickory, NC
5/31 Greer, SC
6/14 Belwood, NC
8/16 Greer, SC
9/6 Morganton, NC
9/20 Lancaster, SC
10/4 Hickory, NC
10/18 TBA
11/1 Grover, NC
Info: 704/937-9177 or 704/484-9000

NMA World Mini Grand Prix
4/15-19 Las Vegas, NV
Info: 562/868-8112 or 909/657-6782

NYS Grand Prix Championship Series
4/26 Colden, NY, Rnd 1
7/12 Colden, NY, Rnd 2
7/26 Langford, NY, Rnd 3
Info: 716/825-8720

NYS Off-Road Grand Prix Championship Series
9/6 Hamburg, NY
9/13 Hamburg, NY
9/20 Hamburg, NY
9/27 Hamburg, NY
Info: 716/825-8720

NMA Grand Nat'l MX Championships
7/28-8/1 Ponca City, OK
Info: 562/868-8112 or 909/657-6782

Branson USA MX Championships
10/2-3-4 Branson, MO
Info: 909/657-6834

La Playa Motocross Grand Prix Series
5/17 Rosarito, Baja California
8/23 Rosarito, Baja California
10/4 Rosarito, Baja California
12/6 Rosarito, Baja California
Info: 011/52-661-22525

Thor/Parts Unlimited Northeast Classic MX Series
4/26 Englishtown, NJ
5/17 Broome-Tioga Sports Center, NY
5/31 Hurricane Hills Sports Center, PA
6/7 Unadilla Valley Sports Center, NY
7/26 Walden Playboys, NY
8/2 Powerline Park, NJ
Info: 717/222-9290

AMP Motocross Spring Series
4/19 Hollister, CA
4/26 Tracy , CA (Carnegie SVRA)
5/3 Turlock, CA (Oatfield)
5/24 Hollister, CA
Info: 209/656-9682

CMA Pacific Coast Pro Am MX Championship
4/10-11 Hollister, CA
4/18-19 Livermore, CA
4/25-26 Madera, CA
5/2-3 Hollister, CA
Info: 209/673-8080

CMA Little Okie Spring Series
4/18 Madera, CA
4/25 Madera, CA
5/2 Madera, CA
5/8 Madera, CA
5/15 Madera, CA
5/22 Madera, CA
5/29 Madera, CA
Info: 209/673-8080

CMA Valley Children's Race
6/13 Madera, CA
6/20 Madera, CA
6/27 Madera, CA
Info: 209/673-8080

CMA Little Okie Summer Series
7/10 Madera, CA
7/17 Madera, CA
7/24 Madera, CA
7/31 Madera, CA
8/7 Madera, CA
8/14 Madera, CA
8/21 Madera, CA
Info: 209/673-8080

CMA Bounty Hunter Series
5/9 Los Banos, CA
5/16 Los Banos, CA
5/23 Los Banos, CA
5/30 Los Banos, CA
6/6 Los Banos, CA
7/4 Los Banos, CA
7/11 Los Banos, CA
7/18 Los Banos, CA
7/25 Los Banos, CA
8/1 Los Banos, CA
8/8 Los Banos, CA
8/15 Los Banos, CA
8/22 Los Banos, CA
8/29 Los Banos, CA
Info: 209/673-8080

American Trials Association
4/18 Reed Valley, CA
4/19 Reed Valley, CA
5/17 Johnson Valley, CA
6/6-7 Big Bear, CA
Info: 714/562-7742

SETRA Championship Enduro Series
4/19 Cochran, GA, Rnd 15
4/16 Clanton, AL, Rnd 16
5/3 Olustee, FL, Rnd 17
5/17 Tarrytown, FL, Rnd 18
6/7 Hurricane Mills, TN, Rnd 19
Info: 706/327-4015

Rocky Mountain Enduro Circuit
4/19 Post, TX
5/3 Crawford, NE
5/17 Montrose, CO
5/24 Limon, CO
6/7 Buena Vista, CO
6/21 Upton, WY
7/19 Rand, CO
8/9 Divide, CO
8/23 Taos, NM
9/13 Gunnison, CO
11/8 Matador, TX
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Sunday	Apr 26	CRC Dunestown Race Series MX	LACR
Saturday	May 2	D-37 Shamrock GP	LACR

Saturday Practice Jan., 10 to May 30 • 9:00am to 2:00pm
CRC Info (805) 272-8889

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Tulare, CA Event Calendar
Sat. - May 9 AHRMA Regional Dirt Track Championship
(1/4 mile oval) pre '74 vintage motorcycles, modern 500, modern unlimited & pro
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INFO (209) 685-0503

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OVER the HILL GANG
Sun., Apr 26th - Starwest
Sat., May 16th Castaic (OTHG Race)
Sun., May 31 Perris (OTHG Race)
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8:00 AM Parade Lap
8:15 AM 125-250-500 Nov/Int/Pro
9:15 AM All 80cc Big Wheel / Women
10:15 AM Oldtimers
11:15 AM All 60cc Super Pee Wee
12:00 NOON Parade Lap
12:15PM CRC Vets (+30) CRC Sr (+40)
1:15 PM 125-250-500 Beg / 4-Stroke
2:15 PM Jr. Vet (+25) Vintage / Hay Day
3:15 PM Team Race

ATTN: Pee Wee Practice 9:00AM
First Race 10:00AM
Second Race To Be Announced

WHITE BROTHERS
4-STROKE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS
Sun April 26 • Glen Helen Park
San Bernardino CA • Info 714-880-3090

Racing on the Tube

April Broadcasts

All times shown are Eastern. ESPN2, Fox Sports Net and SPEEDVISION listed below.

Networks frequently modify program schedules. Consult your local cable listings to confirm broadcast dates and times. Cycle News is not responsible for errors in scheduling.

4/5/98	5:00 PM	FIM World GP 500-Japan	Fox	4/19/98	5:00 PM	AMA Superbike-Laguna Seca (Live)	Speed
4/6/98	12:30 AM	MW2 Rev It Up (R)	ESPN2	4/19/98	2:00 PM	FIM World GP 500-Malaysia	Speed
4/6/98	4:30 AM	MotoWorld (R)	ESPN2	4/19/98	5:00 PM	AMA 600 Supersport-Laguna Seca	Fox
4/7/98	7:00 PM	Bike Week	Speed	4/20/98	3:30 AM	MotoWorld (R)	ESPN2
4/7/98	2:00 PM	FIM World GP 500-Japan	Speed	4/21/98	6:30 PM	MW2 Rev It Up	ESPN2
4/8/98	3:00 PM	Minneapolis, MN Supercross (R)	ESPN2	4/21/98	8:00 PM	AMA Formula Extreme-Laguna Seca	Speed
4/9/98	6:30 PM	MotoWorld	ESPN2	4/21/98	7:00 PM	Bike Week	Speed
4/10/98	7:30 PM	St. Louis, MO Supercross	ESPN2	4/21/98	10:00 PM	FIM World GP 250-Japan	Speed
4/11/98	1:00 PM	St. Louis, MO Supercross (R)	ESPN2	4/23/98	6:30 PM	MotoWorld	ESPN2
4/11/98	6:00 AM	MotoWorld (R)	ESPN2	4/24/98	9:00 PM	AMA 750cc Supersport-Laguna Seca	Speed
4/12/98	12:30 AM	St. Louis, MO Supercross (R)	ESPN2	4/24/98	10:00 PM	FIM World GP 125-Japan	Speed
4/12/98	10:00 AM	MotoWorld (R)	ESPN2	4/25/98	6:00 PM	AMA Superbike-Laguna Seca	Fox
4/12/98	5:00 PM	FIM World Superbike-Donington Park	Fox	4/26/98	1:00 AM	MotoWorld (R)	ESPN2
4/13/98	5:30 AM	MotoWorld (R)	ESPN2	4/26/98	5:00 PM	AMA Superbike-Willow Springs (Live)	Speed
4/14/98	7:00 PM	Bike Week	Speed	4/26/98	5:00 PM	AMA 600 Supersport-Willow Springs	Fox
4/14/98	9:00 PM	FIM World Superbike-Donington Park	Speed	4/27/98	5:30 AM	MW2 Rev It Up (R)	ESPN2
4/14/98	8:00 PM	Formula USA MCTV-Willow Springs	Speed	4/28/98	3:00 AM	MotoWorld (R)	ESPN2
4/14/98	8:30 PM	Formula USA MCTV-Willow Springs	Speed	4/28/98	8:00 PM	AMA Formula Extreme-Willow Springs	Speed
4/16/98	6:30 PM	MotoWorld	ESPN2	4/28/98	6:30 PM	American Thunder-Hollywood Bike Jam	Speed
4/17/98	3:30 AM	St. Louis, MO Supercross (R)	ESPN2	4/28/98	7:00 PM	Bike Week	Speed
4/17/98	7:30 PM	Pontiac, MI Supercross	ESPN2	4/28/98	10:00 PM	FIM World Supersport-Donington Park	Speed
4/18/98	4:30 PM	MotoWorld (R)	ESPN2	4/30/98	6:30 PM	MotoWorld	ESPN2

AT= American Thunder *If you are unable to get ESPN2, Fox Sports Net, or SPEEDVISION, contact your local cable company.*

CALENDAR

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Black Jack Enduro Series
4/12 Stillwater, OK
5/17 Flat River, MO
5/31 Collins, MO
9/13 Little Rock, AR
9/27 Tulsa, OK
10/11 Muenster, TX
10/25 Chadwick, MO
11/22 Oklahoma City, OK
Info: 417/581-5552 or 417/581-4046

Texas Enduro Series
4/19 Kalgary, TX
5/3 Nacogdoches, TX
5/16-17 New Waverly, TX
6/7 Blackwell, TX
8/9 Alexandria, LA
9/13 New Waverly, TX
9/27 Cloudcroft, NM
10/11 Muenster, TX
10/25 Memphis, TX
11/8 Matador, TX
11/22 Oklahoma City, OK
Info: 800/558-7232

Oklahoma X-Country Series
4/19 Stillwater, OK
5/10 Stillwater, OK
5/24 Tulsa, OK
6/7 Rosedale, OK
6/21 Ellington, OK
8/23 Pooleville, OK
9/6 Stillwater, OK
9/27 Cogar, OK
10/4 Rose, OK
11/1 Braggs, OK
11/8 Hallett, OK
Info: 405/366-1051 or 405/390-5227

SRA West Series
4/17-19 Monterey, CA
5/2-3 Willow Springs, CA
5/16-17 Willow Springs, CA
6/12-14 Elkhart Lake, WI
7/18-19 Willow Springs, CA
8/15-16 Truckee, CA
9/18-20 Portland, OR
10/3-4 Willow Springs, CA
10/17-18 Willow Springs, CA
Info: 916/339-1778

FDTRA Championship Dirt Track Series
5/2 Orlando, FL
5/16 Orlando, FL
5/30 Orlando, FL
6/6 Orlando, FL
6/20 Orlando, FL
7/4 Orlando, FL
7/18 Orlando, FL
8/1 Orlando, FL
8/15 Orlando, FL
8/29 Orlando, FL
Info: 407/869-5388

FTR Championship Series Hare Scrambles
4/18-19 Vero Beach, FL
Info: 407/264-0559

FTR Championship Enduro Series
5/3 Olustee, FL
5/17 Richloam, FL
5/31 Daytona, FL
Info: 407/264-0559

FTR Motocross Series
4/26 Okeechobee, FL, Rnd 8
5/10 Bunnell, FL, Rnd 9
5/17 Hilliard, FL, Rnd 10
Info: 407/264-0559

Missouri Hare Scrambles Championship Series
4/19 Steeleville, MO
4/26 Bolivar, MO
5/3 Westphalia, MO
6/7 Collins, MO
6/14 Cole Camp, MO
6/28 Park Hills, MO
7/12 Knobnoster, MO
7/19 Tebbetts, MO
8/2 Alton, MO
8/23 Diamond, MO
9/13 Smithville, MO
9/20 Park Hills, MO
10/11 Drexel, MO
10/18 Festus, MO
Info: 417/537-8406

Total Performance Racing Dirt Track Series
4/11 Glenpool, OK
4/26 Tulsa, OK
5/31 Tulsa, OK
7/19 Oklahoma City, OK
7/25 Norton, KS
7/26 Tulsa, OK
8/30 Tulsa, OK
9/27 Tulsa, OK
10/25 Tulsa, OK
11/21 Glenpool, OK
11/22 Glenpool, OK
Info: 918/836-6999

International Old-Timers Motocross Series
4/25-26 Marysville, CA
5/16-17 Mountain Home, ID
5/23-24 Edmonton, Canada
7/4-5 Bellingham, WA
7/25-26 Albany, OR
8/15-16 Trulsons, WA
9/5-6 Fernley, NV
Info: 253/840-0466 or www.seanet.com/~russr

Sunshine State MX Championship Series
4/19 Reddick, FL
4/26 Dade City, FL
5/3 Ona, FL
5/10 Reddick, FL
5/24 Orlando, FL
5/31 Ocala, FL
6/7 Dade City, FL
6/28 Ona, FL
7/5 Orlando, FL
7/12 Reddick, FL
7/19 Dade City, FL
7/26 Ona, FL
8/16 Orlando, FL
8/23 Reddick, FL
8/30 Dade City, FL
9/6 Ona, FL
9/13 Orlando, FL
Info: 352/242-2605

GFI Winter Series
North-South Showdown
4/26 Perris, CA
*Action, Kawasaki, Suzuki & Yamaha Contingency
Info: 909/653-4042 or 209/656-9682

CMRRA 50cc/125cc C'ship Road Race Series
4/12 Palomar, CA
5/3 Riverside, CA
6/27-28 Rosamond, CA
7/26 Palomar, CA
8/23 Riverside, CA
9/27 Palomar, CA
10/24-25 Rosamond, CA
11/22 Palomar, CA
12/13 Riverside, CA
Info: 909/674-5357

WSMC Road Race Series
4/18-19 Rosamond, CA, Rnd 4
5/16-17 Rosamond, CA, Rnd 5
6/20-21 Rosamond, CA, Rnd 6
7/18-19 Rosamond, CA, Rnd 7
8/15-16 Rosamond, CA, Rnd 8
9/19-20 Rosamond, CA, Rnd 9
10/17-18 Rosamond, CA, Rnd 10
11/14-15 Rosamond, CA, Rnd 11
12/19-20 Rosamond, CA, Rnd 12
Info: 805/256-1234

NCMRRA Road Racing Series
4/18-19 Sacramento, CA
5/16-17 Sacramento, CA
6/20-21 Sacramento, CA
7/18-19 Sacramento, CA
8/14-16 Donner Ski Ranch, CA
9/12-13 Sacramento, CA
10/3-4 Sacramento, CA
10/31-11/1 Sacramento, CA
Info: 916/722-5517

WML Motocross Series
5/9-10 San Bernardino, CA
6/27-28 Mammoth Mountain, CA
7/18-19 New Berlin, NY
8/1-2 Washougal, WA
8/3-9 Nashville, TN
8/29 Binghampton, NY
8/30 Binghampton, NY

Vintage Iron/Toyota Texas/AHRMA Spring MX Series
4/19 Dallas, TX
4/26 Park Tyler, TX
5/3 Highlands, TX
5/17 Lake Whitney, TX
6/14 Houston, TX
8/29 Tyler, TX
Info: 281/679-5764

CMC Spring Classic Motocross Nationals
South Region
4/26 San Jacinto, CA
5/17 Victorville, CA
5/31 San Jacinto, CA
North Region
4/12 Marysville, CA
5/2 Livermore, CA
5/10 Dixon, CA
5/24 Hollister, CA
5/30 Marysville, CA
6/6-7 Badlands Final Showdown
Info: 714/367-1141 or spcmcmx@aol.com

CMC West Coast Arenacross Challenge
TBA Las Vegas, NV
Info: 702/267-4392

Kansas Motocross Championships
5/3 Marion, KS
5/31 Hillsboro, KS
6/28 Inman, KS
8/9 Sterling, KS
9/13 Marion, KS
Info: 316/942-6527

KORR Hare Scrambles Championship Series
4/19 Wichita, KS
9/6 Wichita, KS
10/4 Sterling, KS
11/8 Marion, KS
11/22 Wichita, KS
12/6 Hillsboro, KS
Info: 316/942-6527

Virginia Championship Hare Scrambles Series
4/26 Dillwyn, VA
5/3 Martinsville, VA
5/17 Surry, VA
5/31 Ivor, VA
6/7 Rural Retreat, VA
8/30 Danville, VA
9/6 Pulaski, VA
9/20 Middlebrook, VA
10/4 Martinsville, VA
10/11 Newport News, VA
11/1 Surry, VA
Info: 757/255-4620

KORR Motocross Championship Series
5/3 Marion, KS
5/17 Wichita, KS
5/31 Hillsboro, KS
6/7 Marion, KS
6/14 Sterling, KS
6/28 Inman, KS
7/12 Sterling, KS
7/18 Hillsboro, KS
7/19 Marion, KS
8/9 Sterling, KS
8/22 Wichita, KS
8/30 Hillsboro, KS
9/13 Marion, KS
9/20 Hillsboro, KS
9/27 Inman, KS
10/11 Hillsboro, KS
10/25 Marion, KS
12/13 Sterling, KS
Info: 316/942-6527

MRAN Desert Series
5/2 Panaca, NV
6/13-14 Caliente, NV
8/9 Ely, NV
8/23 Hiko, NV
10/17-18 Logandale, NV
11/7-8 Beatty, NV
11/21 Alamo, NV
Info: 702/437-6726

Silver State Desert Race Series
4/17-18 Tonopah, NV, Rnd 1
6/26-28 Ely, NV, Rnd 2
10/1-4 Vegas-to-Reno, NV, Rnd 3
12/4-6 Pahrump, NV, Rnd 4
Info: 702/457-5775 or www.bitd.com.

Silver State Golden State Motocross Series
7/10 Carson City, NV
7/18 Bishop, NV
7/24 Carson City, NV
8/1 Bishop, NV
8/14 Carson City, NV
8/22 Bishop, NV
9/3 Bishop, NV
Info: 702/267-4392

USRA Desert Series
5/9 Jericho, UT
5/23 Cherry Creek, UT
6/6-7 TBA
8/29 Jericho, UT
9/12 Wells, NV
9/26 TBA
10/10 Price, UT
11/14 Knolls, UT

USRA & ZMA Motocross Series
4/11-12 Ogden, UT
5/30-31 Price, UT
6/20-21 Salinas, UT
7/11-12 Cedar City, UT
8/1-2 Price, UT
8/22-23 Cedar City, UT
9/19-20 Ogden, UT
10/3-4 Rock Springs, WY
11/27-28 St. George, UT
Info: 801/966-4635 or 435/673-2444

MRA Roadracing Series
5/3 Mead, CO
5/15-17 Colorado Springs, CO

5/31 Mead, CO
6/14 Denver, CO
6/28 Pueblo, CO
7/12 Mead, CO
8/16 Pueblo, CO
8/29-30 Colorado Springs, CO
9/19-20 Steamboat Springs, CO
10/4 Mead, CO
Info: 303/530-5678 or 303/369-8409

Mid-Atlantic Vintage Trials Series

4/25-26 Williamsport, PA
5/2-3 Toronto, OH
7/18 Farrandsville, PA
8/8 Toronto, OH
10/4 Toughkenamon, PA
Info: 410/775-7209

Georgia Championship Series

4/26 Dalton, GA
5/17 Dalton, GA
5/24 Macon, GA
9/6 Dalton, GA
9/20 Breman, GA
10/4 Macon, GA
10/11 Roberta, GA
10/25 Breman, GA
Info: 912/788-0413

District 38/FRT Superstition Championship Series

4/26 Plaster City, CA
5/10 Los Sahuaros, CA
5/23 Plaster City, CA
7/25-26 Los Sahuaros, CA
8/1-2 Los Sahuaros, CA
8/22 Plaster City, CA
9/26 Lake Superstition, CA
10/11 Plaster City, CA
10/31 Lake Superstition, CA
11/22 Yuha, CA
12/6 Kamikaze Wash, CA
12/31 Plaster City, CA
Info: 619/427-5759

California Rough Scrambles Series

11/1 Madera, CA
11/8 Madera, CA
11/15 Madera, CA
11/22 Madera, CA
11/29 Madera, CA
Info: 209/661-0706

Central California Dirt Track Series

4/19 Madera, CA
5/3 Madera, CA
9/20 Madera, CA
10/4 Madera, CA
10/11 Madera, CA
10/18 Madera, CA
10/25 Madera, CA
Info: 209/661-0706

California Dirt Track Championship Series

7/11 Chowchilla, CA
7/18 Chowchilla, CA
7/25 Chowchilla, CA
8/1 Chowchilla, CA
8/8 Chowchilla, CA
8/15 Chowchilla, CA
Info: 209/661-0706

West Coast Stadiacross Series

10/2-3 Fresno, CA
10/16-17 San Diego, CA
11/13-14 San Francisco, CA
11/20-21-22 Reno, NV
Info: 702/267-4392

Texas Cross Country Racing Association

4/19 Lake Whitney, TX
5/3 Lake Bridgeport, TX
5/17 North Bryson, TX
5/31 Boars Nest-Jacksboro, TX
6/14 Terrell, OK
6/28 Fort Hood, TX
8/30 Penelope, TX
9/13 Rocky Ridge, TX
9/27 Gholson, TX
10/11 St. Joe, TX
Info: http://www.tccra.org

Nebraska Cornhusker Motocross Circuit

4/19 Alma, NE
5/3 North Platte, NE
5/24 McCook, NE
5/25 McCook, NE
5/31 Douglas, NE
6/7 Alma, NE
6/14 North Platte, NE
6/21 Stockton, KS
6/28 Friend, NE
7/12 Stockton, KS
7/19 Friend, NE
7/26 McCook, NE
8/2 Stockton, KS
8/9 North Platte, NE
8/16 Friend, NE
8/23 McCook, NE
8/30 Friend, NE
9/13 Stockton, KS
9/20 Alma, NE
9/27 Douglas, NE
10/4 North Platte, NE
10/11 McCook, NE
10/18 Douglas, NE
Info: 308/345-3744 or 308/928-2503

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Fri, Apr 10

* CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - K-B Racing Promotions, Sacramento Raceway, Sacramento. Info: 916/682-6123.

Apr 11-12

NORTH CAROLINA MOTOCROSS - Winters Marketing Ultra Series, Victory Sports Racing, Forest City. Info: 423/323-5497.

* UTAH MOTOCROSS - USRA/Ogden Motocross Park, Ogden. Info: 801/966-4635.

Sat, Apr 11

CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - GFI Racing, Super Saturday & 9th annual Easter Egg Toss MX, Perris Raceway, Perris. Info: 909/653-4042.

CALIFORNIA TT - Fresno Motorcycle Club, Caruthers Fairgrounds, Caruthers. Info: 209/435-2515.

CALIFORNIA HARE & HOUND - Southern California MC, District 37, Burrito Run, Camp Rock Road, Lucerne Valley. Info: 818/787-1142.

CALIFORNIA POKER RUN - District 37, AMA, Riders Helping Riders, Camp Rock Road, Lucerne Valley. Info: 909/944-3279.

CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - Pacific Coast Pro-Am Championship, Hollister. Info: 209/673-8080.

CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - Racing Enterprises Motorsports, Glen Helen Raceway, San Bernardino. Info: 619/484-1441.

* FLORIDA MOTOCROSS - KRY Inc., Pasco County Fairgrounds, Dade City. Info: 352/588-4697 or Http://Homepage.USR.com/D/Dadecity.

GEORGIA MOTOCROSS - Southern Raceway, Bainbridge. Info: 912/246-3607 or 912/246-5088.

* GEORGIA SUPERCROSS - Wings & Wheels Southeastern Shoot-Out Supercross Series, Bremen Race Park, Bremen. Info: 770/941-8464.

ILLINOIS MOTORCYCLE SHOW - J&P Promotions, 11th annual MC Parts Extravaganza, Bell-Clair County Fairgrounds, Belleville. Info: 319/462-6011.

* ILLINOIS DIRT TRACK - AMA/District 17, Prairie Thunder MC, Menard County Fairgrounds, Petersburg. Info: 217/632-3857.

KENTUCKY MOTOCROSS - AHRMA/Vintage MX Midwest Regional, AMA,Saddleback East-Midwest Regional, Bedford. Info: 502/634-9774 or www.r4pusa.com/Saddlebackeast.org.

* MICHIGAN MOTOCROSS - District 14, Baja Acres, Millington. Info: 517/871-3356.

* NORTH CAROLINA SUPERCROSS - Under the Lights Night Series, NAME, Rolling Hills Cycle Park, Reidsville. Info: 336/342-4492.

* NORTH CAROLINA MOTOCROSS - East Bend MX, District 29, Night Race, East Bend. Info: 336/699-3629.

* NORTH CAROLINA MOTOCROSS - Daniels Ridge, Spring Summer Series, Taylorsville. Info: 704/758-4342.

* OHIO MOTOCROSS - Malvern Motocross Park, Night Race, Easter Celebration. Info: 330/262-4945.

* OKLAHOMA INDOOR DIRT TRACK - Total Performance Racing, Bedrock Arena, Glenpool. Info: 918/836-6999.

* PENNSYLVANIA SHORT TRACK - AMA/Armin Hostetter Trail-Way Speedway, Hanover. Info: 717/359-4310.

PENNSYLVANIA MOTOCROSS - Sleepy Hollow MX Park, Fredericksburg. Info: 717/865-5530 or 717/273-1180.

* PENNSYLVANIA MOTOCROSS - AMA/Hurricane Hills, Clifford. Info: 717/222-9290.

Sun, Apr 12

CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - LGMX/Glen Helen Raceway, Rnd 3, Spring Series, San Bernardino. Info: 805/521-0808.

CALIFORNIA GRAND PRIX - CRC/Tri-Race Series, Golden Bear GP, Los Angeles County Raceway. Info: 805/272-8889.

* CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - CMMC/Wildcat Canyon Road, Ramona. Info: 760/752-8252.

CALIFORNIA DUAL SPORT - Team Dual Dogs/Tour of Los Padres, Cota/Santa Barbara Street parking lot, Santa Barbara. Info: 818/701-1913 or www.DualDogs.com.

* CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - CMC, Dave Coupe Promotions, Marysville E St. Sand Track, Marysville. Info: 530/673-5956 or dcoupe@jps.net.

IOWA MOTOCROSS - Sand Castle Racepark, Motocross Mania, Des Moines. Info: 515/771-6439 or 265-7710.

* KANSAS MOTOCROSS - Sunflower State Series, Midwest Motocross, Sports Complex, Great Bend. Info: 913/842-8272 or 316/792-7513.

* KENTUCKY MOTOCROSS - Boyde Wolfe Promotions, Buffalo Creek Raceway, Grayson. Info: 606/833-2776.

* NEW YORK MOTOCROSS - Frozen Ocean Motocross, WNYSC, Auburn. Info: 315/784-5466 or 784-5517.

* NORTH CAROLINA MOTOCROSS - AMA/Districts 13 & 29, Dixieland Motorsports, Elizabeth City MX Park. Info: 757/549-7012.

NORTH CAROLINA MOTOCROSS - Dirt World Promotions, AMC, Montrose MX Park, Raeford. Info: 919/554-4467.

OHIO HARE SCRAMBLES - CRA/Wagner Racing Promoting, Broken Spokes Raceway, New Philadelphia. Info: 330/682-9231.

* TEXAS MOTOCROSS - 26th annual GNC Texas Series, Burleson MX Park, Burleson. Info: 214/351-9900.

Apr 15-19

NEVADA MOTOCROSS - 27th annual NMA World Mini Grand Prix, Las Vegas Motor Speedway, Las Vegas. Info: 562/868-8112 or 909/657-6782.

Apr 17-19

CALIFORNIA ROADRACE - Vintage Roadrace, Team Obsolete Promotions, Laguna Seca Raceway, Salinas. Info: 718/596-0504 or www.teamobsolete.com.

Apr 18-19

ALABAMA MOTOCROSS - AMA/Youth & Amateur, Loretta Lynn's Qualifier, Kilpatrick MX, Albertville. Info:

* ARIZONA MOTOCROSS - A/A Western Four-Stroke National, Speed World MX, Phoenix. Info: 602/849-1572.

* ARIZONA MOTOCROSS - Vet MX, Southwest Vet Championships, Speed World MX, Phoenix. Info: 602/849-1572.

CALIFORNIA ROAD RACING - WSMC/Willow Springs International Raceway, Rnd 4, Rosamond. Info: 805/256-1234.

CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - Pacific Coast Pro-Am Championship, Club Moto, Livermore. Info: 209/673-8080.

* CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - Phillipsville MX, Phillipsville. Info: 707/943-3029.

* IDAHO MOTOCROSS - SIRA/EIMA, Idaho Fairgrounds, Rupert. Info: 208/436-7071.

* NEW YORK MOTOCROSS - AMA/Broome-Tioga, Lorreta Lynn's Amateur National Qualifier, Binghamton. Info: 607/849-4438.

* OHIO MOTOCROSS - AMA/District 11 Mid-East Area Qualifier, Sunday Creek Raceway, Jacksonville. Info: 614/797-2413.

OKLAHOMA TRAIL RIDE - Oklahoma Dirt Riders, Campout/Trail Ride, Robbers Cave. Info: 405/769-3328 or 405/793-1547.

Sat, Apr 18

* CALIFORNIA SPEEDWAY - International Speedway Coors Light 98 Season Opener, Orange County Fairgrounds, Costa Mesa. Info: 949/492-9933 or www.wient.com/speedway.

* CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - Marysville Motocross Club, Night Race, Riverfront Park, Marysville. Info: 530/695-2727 or http://www.jps.net/motox.

CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - Racing Enterprises Motorsports, Glen Helen Raceway, San Bernardino. Info: 619/484-1441.

FLORIDA DIRT TRACK - FDTRA/Orange County Raceway, Orlando. Info: 407/869-5388.

* FLORIDA MOTOCROSS - KRY Inc., Pasco County Fairgrounds, Dade City. Info: 352/588-4697 or Http://Homepage.USR.com/D/Dadecity.

* FLORIDA SUPERCROSS - West Florida Motocross Park, Night Race, Milton. Info: 850/623-6038.

GEORGIA OBSERVED TRIALS - STRA/Cleveland. Info: 423/942-8688 or trialwench@aol.com.

* GEORGIA MOTOCROSS - AMA, Paradise Off-Road Park, Macon. Info: 912/475-5711.

* MISSOURI MOTOCROSS - Sprout Patch Competition Inc., Sprout Patch, Billings. Info: 417/744-2593.

* NORTH CAROLINA MOTOCROSS - East Bend MX, District 29, Night Race, East Bend. Info: 336/699-3629./

* SOUTH CAROLINA MOTOCROSS - The Money Pit, Yemassee. Info: 800/953-6607.

Sun, Apr 19

ARIZONA MOTOCROSS - Vintage MX, Southwest Vintage Championship, Speed World MX, Phoenix. Info: 602/966-0101.

CALIFORNIA DIRT TRACK - Central California Dirt Track Series, Cushion Short Track, open traction, Madera Fairgrounds, Madera. Info: 209/661-0706.

* CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - AHRMA/Vintage, Lemon Grove MX Park, Piru. Info: 805/521-0808.

CALIFORNIA DIRT TRACK - Temecula Speedway, San Diego Flat Track Assoc. Inc. Info: 619/277-1591.

CALIFORNIA GRAND PRIX - SRA/Carlsbad Raceway, Carlsbad. Info: 714/957-2985.

CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - CRC/Tri-Race Series, Los Angeles County Raceway. Info: 805/272-8889.

* CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - Cycleland Speedway, Chico. Info: 530/342-0063.

* CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - CMA/Pacific Coast Pro-Am Championships, Club Moto, Livermore. Info: 209/673-8080.

CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - AMP/GFI Parts Unlimited, Hollister Hills GP Track, Rnd 2, Hollister. Info: 209/656-9682.

CALIFORNIA GRAND PRIX - SRA, Carlsbad Raceway, San Marcos. Info: 714/957-2985.

* COLORADO MOTOCROSS - SRAC/Pueblo Motorsports Inc., Pueblo. Info: 303/988-7722 or 303/989-7436.

FLORIDA MOTOCROSS - ProSports USA, Sunshine State MX Championship Series, Motocross of Marion County, Reddick. Info: 352/242-2605.

ILLINOIS ENDURO - Brushpoppers MC, Lyndon Road, Morrison. Info: 815/626-4756.

* KANSAS MOTOCROSS - Sunflower State Series, Dragon Creek MX, Lyndon. Info: 913/842-8272 or 913/828-3100.

KENTUCKY HARE SCRAMBLES - AMA, Eagle Creek Park, Mason Lane, Owenton. Info: 606/472-3442.

KENTUCKY MOTOCROSS - AMA, Thorobred Series, Bluegrass Sports, Bluegrass MX Park, Clay City. Info: 606/744-5916.

MARYLAND MOTOCROSS - Antietam MC Club Inc., Howell Road, Hagerstown. Info: 301/797-8686 or 301/797-1607.

* MARYLAND HARE SCRAMBLES - Ironman Hare Scramble Series, AMA, Western Maryland Off-Road Riders, Cliffside Off-Road Park, Rawlings. Info: 301/724-6738.

MASSACHUSETTS MOTORCYCLE SHOW - J&P Promotions, 5th annual MC Parts Extravaganza, Bayside Exposition Center, Hall D, Boston. Info: 319/462-6011.

MICHIGAN MOTORCYCLE SWAP MEET - Half Mile Cycle Race Corp., Michigan State Fairgrounds, Detroit. Info: 616/941-0815.

* MISSOURI MOTOCROSS - Midwest Spring MX Championship, Moto Sports Inc., Midwest Xtreme Park, Merwin. Info: 913/268-3955.

* MISSOURI SHORT TRACK - HLR Motorsports Inc., Moberly. Info: 660/263-4296.

MISSOURI HARE SCRAMBLES - Missouri Hare Scrambles Championship, Nasty Creek. Info: 417/537-8406.

NEBRASKA MOTOCROSS - Great Plains Promotions, White Sands Raceway MX Park, Ashland. Info: 402/556-5801.

* NEVADA MOTOCROSS - Nevada MX Development, Rnd 6, Stead Track, Reno. Info: 702/423-8226.

NEW MEXICO MOTOCROSS - AMA, High Desert Racing Club, Aztec. Info: 970/533-9747 or 505/325-4195.

* NEW YORK MOTOCROSS - Hunt Moto Park, WNYSC, Robinson Road, Hunt. Info: 716/476-2697.

OHIO HARE SCRAMBLES - Sunset Ramblers MC of Galion. Info: 419/562-6931.

OHIO HARE SCRAMBLES - AMA/District 11, Sunday Creek Raceway, Jacksonville. Info: 614/797-2413.

* OHIO MOTOCROSS - MRA, Sandusky Valley Riders MC, Tiffin. Info: 419/927-MOTO or www.racemra.com.

* OHIO MOTOCROSS - CRA/Competition Riders of America, Western Reserve MC, Salem. Info: 330/337-8005.

PENNSYLVANIA MOTOCROSS - Spring Series, Racer Productions Inc., Brownsville Luzerne Park, Brownsville. Info: 304/284-0084.

PENNSYLVANIA HARE SCRAMBLES - Spring Series, Racer Productions Inc., Brownsville Luzerne Park, Brownsville. Info: 304/284-0084.

* PENNSYLVANIA SHORT TRACK - AMA/Districts 6 & 7, Baer Racing, Shippensburg Speedway, Shippensburg. Info: 717/796-0294.

* PENNSYLVANIA MOTOCROSS - Doublin Gap MX, Newburg. Info: 717/249-6036.

SOUTH CAROLINA MOTOCROSS - Hardeeville MX Racing, Hardeeville. Info: 912/748-6304.

* TENNESSEE MOTOCROSS - AMA, Five Oaks Motocross, Sale Creek. Info: 423/332-9092.

TEXAS CROSS COUNTRY - Texas Cross Country Racing Association, Lake Whitney. Info: 817/685-8091 or dgdq32a@prodigy.com. or www.brit.com/~tccra/.

* TEXAS SHORT TRACK - Action Promotions, Action Speedway, Mineola. Info: 903/768-2415.

* WASHINGTON MOTOCROSS - CMC/Squisher Racing, Horn Rapids ORV, Richland. Info: 509/837-3595.

* WASHINGTON MOTOCROSS - AMA/Loretta Lynn's Qualifier, Washougal MX Park, Washougal. Info: 541/673-1671.

Fri, Apr 24

* CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - Spring Series, K-B Promotions, Sacramento Raceway, Sacramento. Info: 916/682-6123.

Apr 25-26

CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - International Old-Timers MX Association, Marysville, Riverfront Park, Marysville. Info: 408/379-4639.

CALIFORNIA POKER RUN - Hi Desert Charities, Bureau of Land Management, Barstow to Slash X Cafe, Barstow. Info: 760/252-3093.

CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - Pacific Coast Pro-Am Championship, Madera. Info: 209/673-8080.

CALIFORNIA HARE AND HOUND - Viking MC, District 37, Lucerne Valley, Valencia. Info: 805/253-0440.

CALIFORNIA DUAL SPORT - Moose Anderson Days, Jawbone Canyon, Jawbone. Info: 760/373-1146.

NEW MEXICO MOTOCROSS - AMA, NMA Stock Qualifier at Moriarty. Info: 505/888-7312.

* VIRGINIA MOTOCROSS - AMA/District 13, Northeast Area Qualifier, Birchcreek Motorsports Park, Danville. Info: 804/724-4392.

Sat, Apr 25

* CALIFORNIA SPEEDWAY - International Speedway, Orange County Fairgrounds, Costa Mesa. Info: 949/492-9933 or www.wient.com/speedway.

CALIFORNIA TT - Fresno MC, Caruthers Fairgrounds, Caruthers. Info: 209/435-2515.

CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - Racing Enterprises Motorsports, Glen Helen Raceway, San Bernardion. Info: 619/484-1441.

CALIFORNIA POKER RUN - Benefit Ride for Kids, Lee's Honda, Redding. Info: 800/542-9697.

* FLORIDA MOTOCROSS - KRY Inc., Pasco County Fairgrounds, Dade City. Info: 352/588-4697 or Http://Homepage.USR.com/D/Dadecity.

* GEORGIA SUPERCROSS - Wings & Wheels Southeastern Shoot-Out Supercross Series, Bremen Race Park, Bremen. Info: 770/941-8464.

LOUISIANA SPEEDWAY - Possum Cove International Speedway, Mossbluff. Info: 318/855-2401 or 318/855-1978.

* NORTH CAROLINA MOTOCROSS - Daniels Ridge, Spring Summer Series, Taylorsville. Info: 704/758-4342.

* OHIO MOTOCROSS - MRA, Delta Raceway, Day Race, Delta. Info: 419/822-3006 or 734/241-1600 or www.racemra.com.

* PENNSYLVANIA SHORT TRACK - AMA/Armin Hostetter Trail-Way Speedway, Hanover. Info: 717/359-4310.

PENNSYLVANIA ROAD RACE - Team Pro-Motion Riders Club, Pocono International Raceway, Long Pond. Info: 888/TEAM.916 or www.teampromotion.com.+0

VIRGINIA MOTOCROSS - Powerline Motocross Playground, Floyd County, Willis. Info: 540/789-7260 or 540/789-7640.

Sun, Apr 26

* ALABAMA MOTOCROSS - Chandler Mountain MX, Steele. Info: 205/681-8317.

* ARIZONA MOTOCROSS - Cerbat Motorsport Club, Cerbat Motorsport Park, Kingman. Info: 520/757-7438.

* CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - LGMX/Starwest MX Park, Rnd 4, Spring Series, Moreno Valley. Info: 805/521-0808.

CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - CRC/Dunestown Race Series, Los Angeles County Raceway. Info: 805/272-8889.

CALIFORNIA MOTORCYCLE SHOW - Pacific Coast Dream Machines, 8th annual outdoor MC Show, Half Moon Bay Airport, Half Moon Bay. Info: 650/726-2328.

* CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - CMMC/Wildcat Canyon Road, Ramona. Info: 760/752-8252.

* CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - GFI Winter Series North/South Showdown, Perris Raceway, Perris. Info: 909/653-4042.

CALIFORNIA DUAL SPORT RIDE - AMA/District 37, USA Dual Sport Club, Jawbone Canyon, Cantil. Info: 818/348-7237.

* CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - CMC/NMA Ponca City Grand National MX Qualifier, Hollister Hills GP Track, Hollister. Info: 415/587-8678.

CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - SSC MX Racing, Rnd 1, Castaic Brick Spring Nationals, Sunrise Cycle Park, Adelanto. Info: 805/294-0020 or www.reset-inc.com/sscmx.

CALENDAR

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* COLORADO MOTOCROSS - RMXA/IMI Motorsports, Erie. Info: 303/271-0190 or 719/473-6723 or rmxarules@worldnet.att.net.

COLORADO SUPERCROSS - SRAC/Colorado Motorsports Promotions, Denver. Info: 303/988-7722 or 303/989-7436.

FLORIDA MOTOCROSS - ProSports USA, Sunshine State MX Championship Series, Dade City Raceway, Dade City. Info: 352/242-2605.

* FLORIDA ROAD RACE - CCS/Moroso Motorsports Park, West Palm Beach. Info: 561/793-3394.

* FLORIDA MOTOCROSS - County Line MX Park, Fountain. Info: 850/769-9505 or 722-7616.

* GEORGIA MOTOCROSS - AMA/Georgia Championship Series, Lazy River MX Ranch, Chatsworth. Info: 706/278-1620.

* GEORGIA MOTOCROSS - CRC/Camden Racing Complex, Woodbine. Info: 912/576-3000.

ILLINOIS POKER RUN - Ridgewood Cycle Association, Ryan's Pub, Frankfort. Info: 815/436-3396.

* KENTUCKY MOTOCROSS - Boyde Wolfe Promotions, Buffalo Creek Raceway, Grayson. Info: 606/833-2776.

MICHIGAN MOTORCYCLE SWAP MEET - Half Mile Motorcycle Race Corp., IMA Sports Arena, Flint. Info:

* MISSISSIPPI MOTOCROSS - MX 886, Rnd 2, Pontotoc. Info: 601/489-8316.

* MISSOURI MOTOCROSS - HLR Motorsports Inc., AMA/District 18, Moberly. Info: 660/263-4296 or www.moberlymo.com/hlr.

MISSOURI HARE SCRAMBLES - Missouri Hare Scramble Championship, Bolivar Hare Scramble. Info: 417/537-8406.

* NEVADA MOTOCROSS - On Trac Events, CMC, Carson City Silver State Speedway, Carson City. Info: 702/267-4392.

* NEW JERSEY MOTOCROSS - 6th annual Thor/Parts Unlimited Sponsored Northeast Motocross Classic Series, Rnd 1, Old Bridge Township Raceway Park, Englishtown. Info: 732/446-7800.

NEW YORK MOTOCROSS - Yamaha Contingency, Claverack MX Track, Claverack. Info: 518/828-6149.

NEW YORK HARE SCRAMBLES - NETRA Championship Series, Tri-State MC, Lembo Lake Park, Modena. Info: 914/566-4956.

* NEW YORK GRAND PRIX - Eyeser Show Productions, Colden Lakes Resort, Heath Road, Colden. Info: 716/825-8720.

* NORTH CAROLINA MOTOCROSS - Dirt World Promotions, AMC, Montrose MX Park, Raeford. Info: 919/554-4467.

* OHIO DIRT TRACK - AMA, CRE, Springfield. Info: 937/434-7750.

* OHIO MOTOCROSS - NMA Ponca City Qualifier, MRA, Delta Raceway, Day Race, Delta. Info: 419/822-3006 or 734/241-1600 or www.racemra.com.

* OHIO MOTOCROSS - AMA/Vinton Motocross Park, McArthur. Info: 614/596-2057.

* OHIO MOTOCROSS - Pro-Moto Promotions, Cincinnati. Info: 513/561-0469.

* OHIO HARE SCRAMBLES - Mansfield Motorcycle Club, Cookton Grange Road, Mansfield. Info: 419/774-0430.

* OKLAHOMA DIRT TRACK - Total Performance Racing, Tulsa Speedway, Tulsa. Info: 918/836-6999.

PENNSYLVANIA MOTOCROSS - Spring Series, Bellco Inc., Steel City USA, Delmont. Info: 304/284-0084.

PENNSYLVANIA HARE SCRAMBLES - Flying Dutchmen MC Inc., Pine Grove. Info: 717/345-6340 or 717/345-8734.

TENNESSEE MOTOCROSS - KTMXA, TNT Motocross Park, Milan. Info: 901/987-9633.

VIRGINIA MOTOCROSS - Serious Racewear Mega Series, Victory Sports Racing, Wytheville. Info: 423/323-5497.

WEST VIRGINIA CROSS COUNTRY - Racer Productions Inc., Grand National Cross Country, Wilderness, Clarksburg. Info: 304/284-0084.

WEST VIRGINIA HILL CLIMB - Jack's Run Hillclimb, AMA, Ripley. Info: 304/372-2269.

May 1-2

* MONTANA ARENACROSS - Bad Boys of Racing/Checkered Flag Productions, Four Seasons Arena, Great Falls. Info: 940/683-4742.

Fri, May 1

* MICHIGAN MOTOCROSS - MRA, Milan Cycle City, Night Race, Milan. Info: 734/439-7735 or 734/241-1600 or www.racemra.com.

May 2-3

CALIFORNIA DUAL SPORT - Team Dual Dogs/KTM/Galpin Ford California Dual Sport Series, Frazier Park, Info: 818/701-1913.

CALIFORNIA GRAND PRIX - CRC, District 37 Shamrock GP, Los Angeles County Raceway. Info: 805/272-8889.

TENNESSEE MOTOCROSS - Victory Sports, Serious Racewear Mega Series, Blountville. Info: 423/323-5497.

Sat, May 2

* CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - Marysville Motocross Club, Night Race, Riverfront Park, Marysville. Info: 530/695-2727 or http://www.jps.net/motox.

* CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - CMC Spring Series MX, Night Race, NMA, GNC Qualifier, Club Moto, Livermore. Info: 415/587-8678.

* CALIFORNIA SPEEDWAY - International Speedway, Ocean Spray/Penhall Cup, Orange County Fairgrounds, Costa Mesa. Info: 949/492-9933 or www.wient.com/speedway.

FLORIDA DIRT TRACK - Florida Dirt Track Racers Association, Orange County Raceway, Orlando. Info: 407/869-5388.

* FLORIDA MOTOCROSS - KRY Inc., Pasco County Fairgrounds, Dade City. Info: 352/588-4697 or Http://Homepage.USR.com/D/Dadecity.

* FLORIDA SUPERCROSS - West Florida Motocross Park, Night Race, Milton. Info: 850/623-6038.

* MICHIGAN MOTOCROSS - MRA, Milan Cycle City, Day Race, Milan. Info: 734/439-7735 or 734/241-1600.

* NEW YORK MOTOCROSS - Loretta Lynn's Area Qualifier, Frozen Ocean MX Park, AMA, Auburn. Info: 315/784-5466 or 784-5517.

* NORTH CAROLINA MOTOCROSS - Daniels Ridge, Spring Summer Series, Taylorsville. Info: 704/758-4342.

OHIO DIRT TRACK - AMA/Semi-Pro, Fast Track Racing, Summer Thunder Series, Van Wert County Fairgrounds, Van Wert. Info: 219/486-7172.

* OHIO MOTOCROSS - AMA/Vinton Motocross Park, McArthur. Info: 740/596-2057.

* OHIO MOTOCROSS - Malvern Motocross Park, Night Race, Harding's Park Cycle Night. Info: 330/262-4945.

Sun, May 3

* CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - LGMX/Final Round of Series, Lemongrove MX Park, Piru. Info: 805/521-0808.

CALIFORNIA DUAL SPORT RIDE - AMA/District 37, Cal Poly Penquins MC, University Lot H-12, San Luis Obispo. Info: 805/239-3688.

* CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - Phillipsville MX, Phillipsville. Info: 707/943-3029.

CALIFORNIA ENDURO - AMA/District 36, California Enduro Riders Association, Mace Mill staging area, Georgetown. Info: 510/454-9021.

* CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - Cycleland Speedway, Chico. Info: 530/342-0063.

CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - AMP/GFI Parts Unlimited, Carnegie Cycle Park, Rnd 3, Tracy. Info: 209/656-9682.

CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - CRC, Dunestown Race Series, Edwards AFB, Los Angeles County Raceway. Info: 805/272-8889.

COLORADO MOTOCROSS - RMXA, Sweney Cycle Park, Brush. Info: 719/473-6723.

FLORIDA MOTOCROSS - ProSports USA, Sunshine State MX Championship Series, Sun State Raceway, Ona. Info: 352/242-2605.

ILLINOIS MOTORCYCLE SHOW - J&P Promotions, 18th annual Motorcycle Parts Extravaganza, Will County Fairgrounds, Peotone. Info: 319/462-6011.

* ILLINOIS DIRT TRACK - Pro-Am, AMA, Half Mile Dirt Track, Missouri Mules Motorcycle Club, Jerseyville. Info: 314/831-0977 or clax@inlink.com.

KENTUCKY MOTOCROSS - AMA, Thorobred Series, Bluegrass Sports, Bluegrass MX Park, Clay City. Info: 606/744-5916.

MARYLAND TRAIL RIDE - Western Maryland Off-Road Riders, Cliff side Off-Road Park, Rawlings. Info: 301/724-6738.

* MICHIGAN MOTOCROSS - NMA Ponca City Qualifier, MRA, Milan Cycle City, Day Race, Milan. Info: 734/439-7735 or 734/241-1600 or www.racemra.com.

MISSOURI HARE SCRAMBLES - Missouri Hare Scramble Championship, Missouri Dirt Riders. Info: 417/537-8406.

* NEW YORK MOTOCROSS - Loretta Lynn's Area Qualifier, Frozen Ocean MX Park, AMA/CNYMRA, Auburn. Info: 315/784-5466 or 784-5517.

NEW YORK MOTOCROSS - Silver Springs Motocross, WNYSC, Rock Glen. Info: 716/786-5596 or 716/786-2157.

* OHIO HARE SCRAMBLES - CRA/Wagner Racing, Broken Spokes Raceway, New Philadelphia. Info: 330/682-9231.

* OHIO MOTOCROSS - AMA/Vinton MX Park, McArthur. Info: 740/756-1267.

PENNSYLVANIA CHARITY RIDE - 11th annual Ride For Life, The York Harley-Davidson Plant, Eden Road, York. Info: 610/391-1977.

* PENNSYLVANIA MOTOCROSS - AMA/Hurricane Hills, District 6, Championship Series Event, Clifford. Info: 717/222-9290.

* SOUTH CAROLINA MOTOCROSS - Hardeeville MX, Purrysburg Road, Hardeeville. Info: 912/748-6304.

* TEXAS MOTOCROSS - 26th annual GNC Texas Series, Mosier Valley USA, Arlington. Info: 214/351-9900.

TEXAS CROSS COUNTRY - Texas Cross Country Racing Association, D&S Honda Kawasaki, Will Stidd/Lake Bridgeport. Info: 817/685-8091.

VIRGINIA HARE SCRAMBLES - Virginia State Championship, Blue Ridge Cycle Club, City Reservoir, Martinsville. Info: 540/632-5931.

* WASHINGTON MOTOCROSS - AMA/Gold Star, Washougal MX Park, Washougal. Info: 541/673-1671.

Fri, May 8

* CALIFORNIA SPEEDWAY - Fast Fridays, Night Racing, Gold Country Fairgrounds, Auburn. Info: 530/878-7223 or FastFriday@aol.com.

* MICHIGAN MOTOCROSS - MRA, Milan Cycle City, Night Race, Milan. Info: 734/439-7735 or 734/241-1600 or www.racemra.com.

May 9-10

CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - Pacific Coast Pro-Am Championship, Hollister. Info: 209/673-8080.

CALIFORNIA SCRAMBLES - Dual European Scrambles, Badgers MC, Red Mountain, Ridgecrest. Info: 805/242-2712.

Sat, May 9

* CALIFORNIA SPEEDWAY - International Speedway, Mothers Day Mayhem, Orange County Fairgrounds, Costa Mesa. Info: 949/492-9933 or www.wient.com/speedway.

* FLORIDA MOTOCROSS - KRY Inc., Pasco County Fairgrounds, Dade City. Info: 352/588-4697 or Http://Homepage.USR.com/D/Dadecity.

* OHIO MOTOCROSS - MRA, Delta Raceway, Night Race, Delta. Info: 419/822-3006 or 734/241-1600.

* OHIO SUPERCROSS - AMA/Action Sports, Action Sports Center, Nelsonville. Info: 740/594-6686.

OHIO RUN TO THE WALL - Abate of Ohio Inc., Run To The Wall and Bike Blessing, Stafford Park, Maple Heights. Info: 216/425-7830 or 330/628-4575.

* OHIO MOTOCROSS - AMA, Dirt Country Raceway, Blanchester. Info: 513/625-7350.

* UTAH HARE AND HOUND - Buzzards MC, Cherry Creek Area, Jericho. Info: 801/569-1998.

VIRGINIA MOTOCROSS - Powerline Motocross Playground, Floy County, Willis. Info: 540/789-7260 or 540/789-7640.

Sun, May 10

* CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - CMC, Spring Classic, Argyll Park, Dixon. Info: 707/678-3592 or Http://www.jps.net/motox/argyll.htm.

COLORADO MOTOCROSS - RMXA, Aztec Family Raceway, Colorado Springs. Info: 719/473-6723.

FLORIDA MOTOCROSS - ProSports USA, Sunshine State MX Championship Series, Motocross of Marion County, Reddick. Info: 352/242-2605.

KENTUCKY MOTOCROSS - Victory Sports Racing, Serious Racewear Mega Series, London. Info: 423/323-5497.

* NEW YORK SHORT TRACK - AMA/Square Deal Riders MC, SDR Raceway, Harpursville. Info: 607/723-2288 or 607/693-2634.

OHIO MOTOCROSS - Sunset Ramblers MC Club of Galion, Galion. Info: 419/562-6931.

* OHIO HARE SCRAMBLES - CRA/Salem Motorcycle Club Inc., Lisbon. Info: 330/482-2971.

* OHIO HARE SCRAMBLES - Action Sports Promotions, AMA, Action Sports Center, Nelsonville. Info: 740/594-6686.

PENNSYLVANIA MOTOCROSS - Sleepy Hollow MX Park Inc., Fredericksburg. Info: 717/273-1180 or 717/865-5530.

* TEXAS MOTOCROSS - 26th annual GNC Texas Series, 290 Motocross Park, Waller. Info: 214/351-9900.

Fri, May 15

* CALIFORNIA SPEEDWAY - Fast Fridays Speedway Racing, Night Race, Gold Country Fairgrounds, Auburn. Info: 530/878-7223 or FastFriday@aol.com.

* MICHIGAN MOTOCROSS - MRA, Milan Cycle City, Night Race, Milan. Info: 734/439-7735 or 734/241-1600 or www.racemra.com.

* SOUTH CAROLINA HALF MILE - AMA/MARS Carolina H-D Dealers Association, Myrtle Beach. Info: 803/626-9455.

May 16-17

COLORADO MOTOCROSS - AMA/District 25, Loretta Lynn's Qualifier, High Desert Racing Club, Mesa Verde. Info: 970/533-9747 or 505/325-4195.

Sat, May 16

CALIFORNIA VINTAGE CYCLE RALLY - 30th anniversary Vintage Cycle Rally, Hanford. Info: 805/733-1137.

CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - Racing Enterprises Motorsports, Glen Helen Raceway, San Bernardino. Info: 619/484-1441.

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FLORIDA DIRT TRACK - Florida Dirt Track Racers Association, Orange County Raceway, Orlando. Info: 407/869-5388.

* FLORIDA MOTOCROSS - KRY Inc., Pasco County Fairgrounds, Dade City. Info: 352/588-4697 or Http://Homepage.USR.com/D/Dadecity.

ILLINOIS DIRT TRACK - Prairie Thunder MC, AMA/District 17, Menard County Fairgrounds, Petersburg. Info: 217/632-3857 or McDevitt4@Juno.com.

* NEW YORK SHORT TRACK - AMA/Square Deal Riders MC, SDR Raceway, Harpursville. Info: 607/723-2288 or 607/693-2634.

* NEW YORK MOTOCROSS - AMA/Broome-Tioga, Binghamton. Info: 607/849-4438.

* NORTH CAROLINA MOTOCROSS - Daniels Ridge, Spring Summer Series, Taylorsville. Info: 704/758-4342.

* OHIO MOTOCROSS - MRA, Delta Raceway, Night Race, Delta. Info: 419/822-3006 or 734/241-1600 or www.racemra.com.

* OHIO MOTOCROSS - CRA/Competition Riders of America, Western Reserve Motorcycle Club, Salem. Info: 330/337-8077.

Sun, May 17

* CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - Phillipsville MX, Phillipsville. Info: 707/943-3029.

CALIFORNIA DUAL SPORT - Chaparrals MC, Jawbone Canyon/Piute Mountains Start/Finish, Jawbone Store, near Mojave. Info: 562/804-4071.

CALIFORNIA MOTOCROSS - CRC, Dunestown Race Series, Los Angeles County Raceway, Perris. Info: 805/272-8889.

ILLINOIS HARE SCRAMBLES - AMA/Little Egypt Off-Road MC, Trail of Tears Lodge and Sports Resort, Jonesboro. Info: 618/252-2062.

KENTUCKY MOTOCROSS - AMA, Thorobred Series, Bluegrass Sports, Bluegrass MX Park, Clay City. Info: 606/744-5916.

MARYLAND HARE SCRAMBLES - Antietam MC, Howell Road, Hagerstown. Info: 301/797-8686 or 301/797-1607.

NEBRASKA MOTOCROSS - Great Plains Promotions, White Sands Raceway MX Park, Ashland. Info: 402/556-5801.

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SOUTH DAKOTA MOTOCROSS - SD/IAMA, Yankton. Info: 605/665-3512.

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Fri, May 22

* CALIFORNIA SPEEDWAY - Fast Fridays Speedway Racing, Night Race, Gold Country Fairgrounds, Auburn. Info: 530/878-7223 or FastFriday@aol.com.

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Sat, May 23

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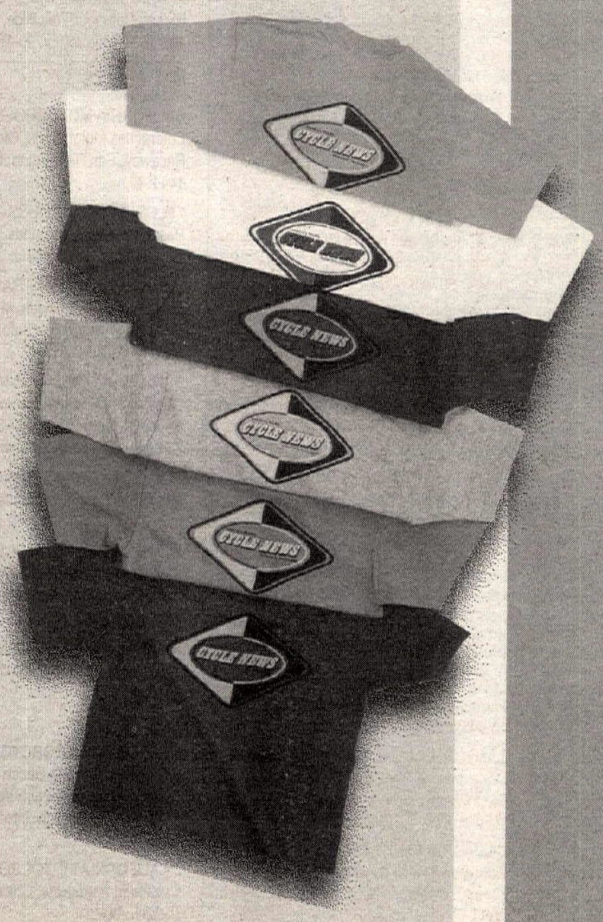

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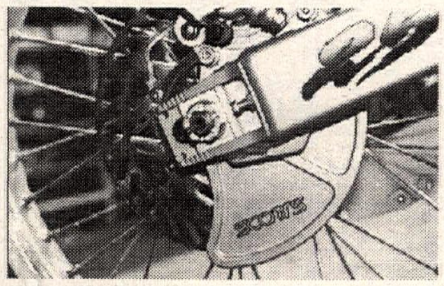

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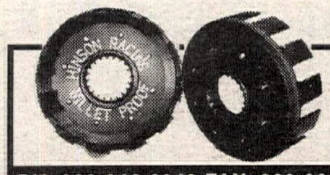

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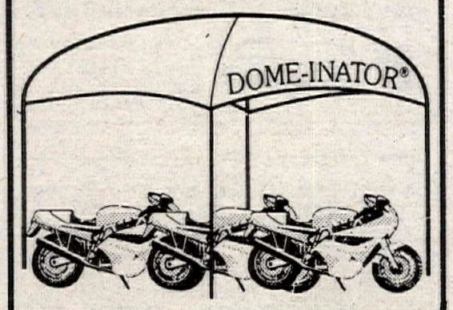

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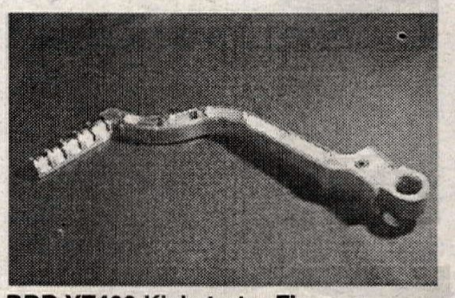

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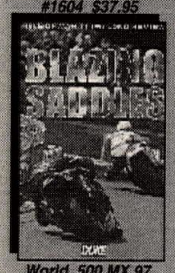

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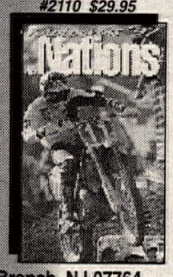

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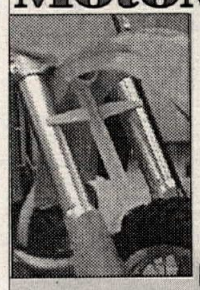

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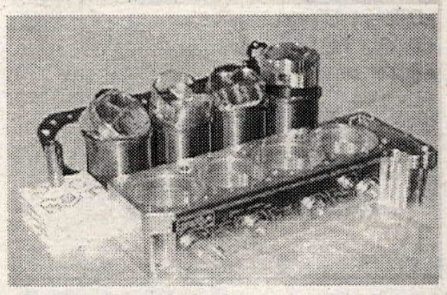

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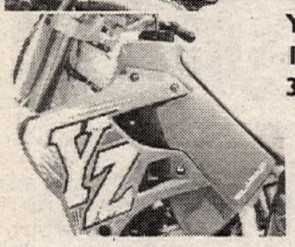

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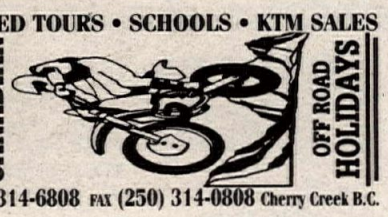

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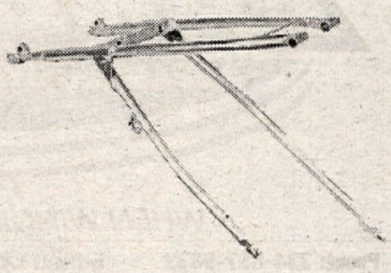

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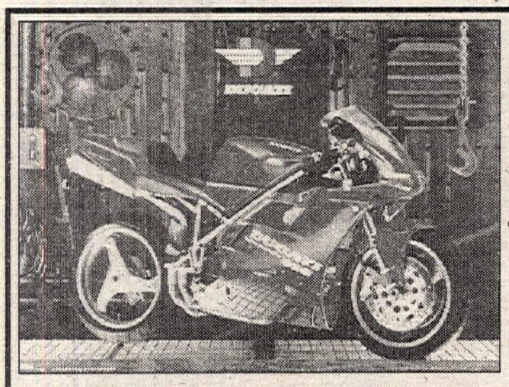

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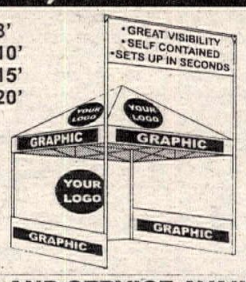

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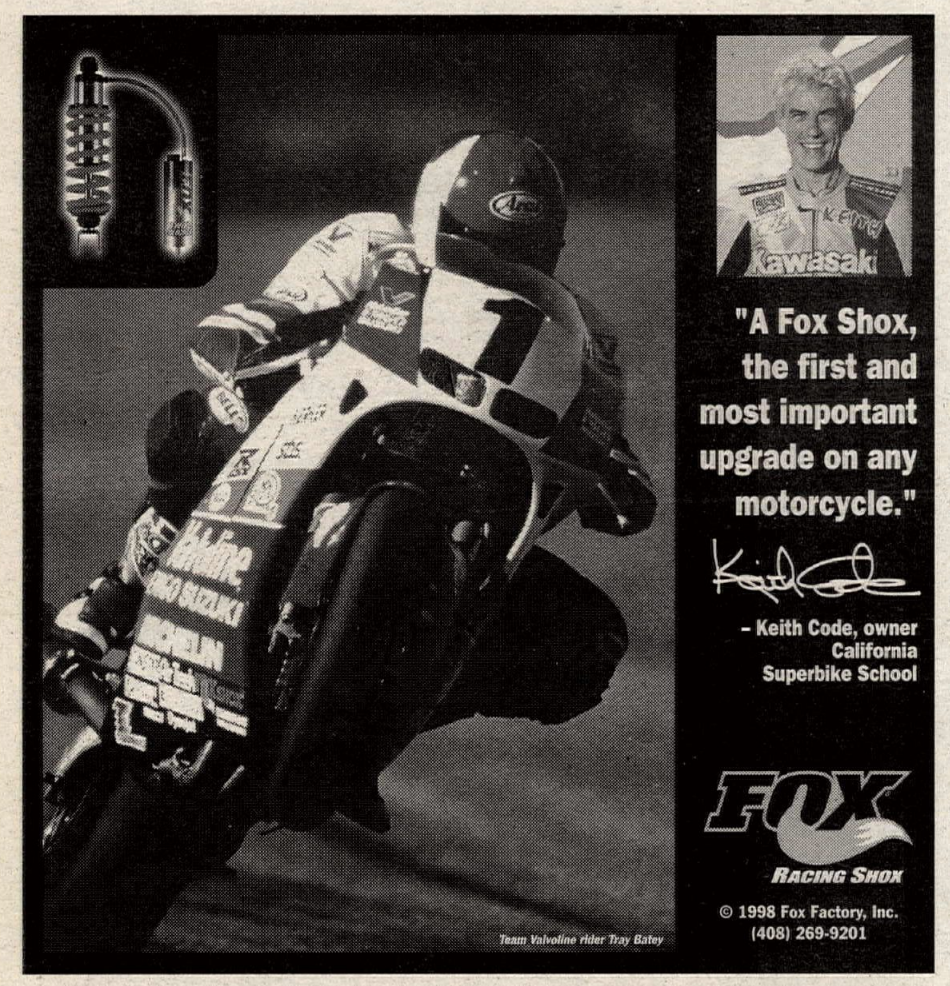

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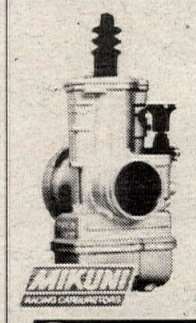

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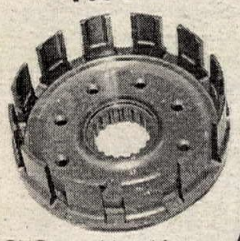

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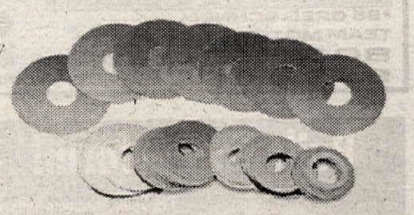

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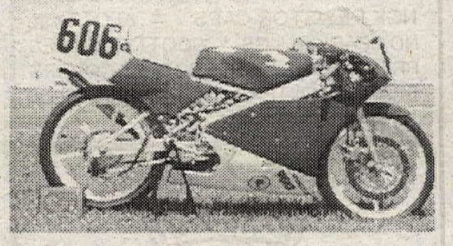

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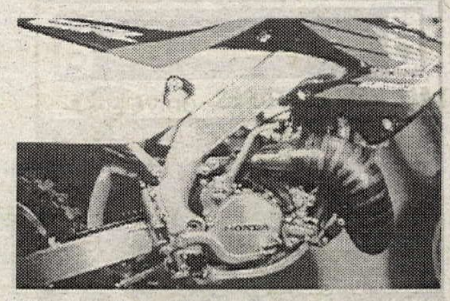

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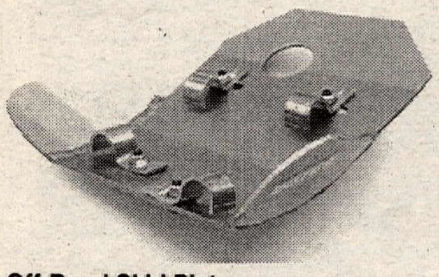

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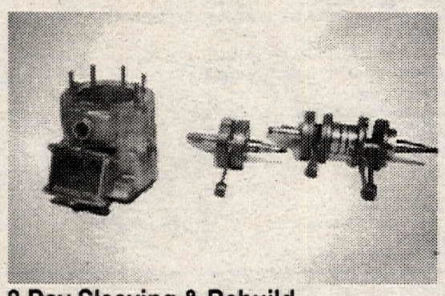

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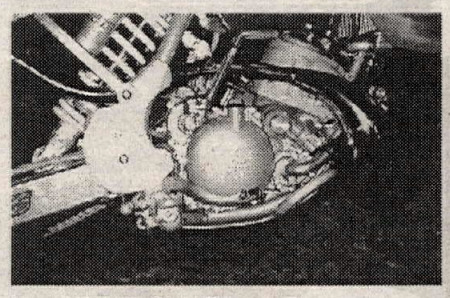

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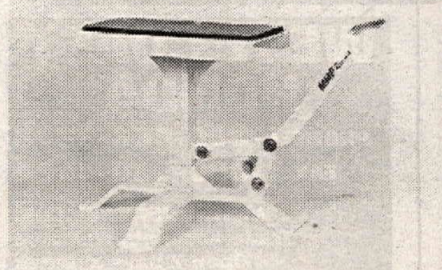

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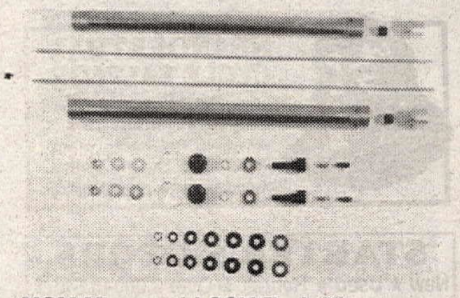

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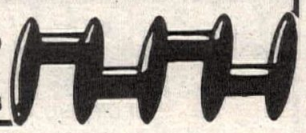

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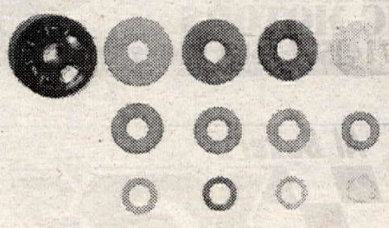

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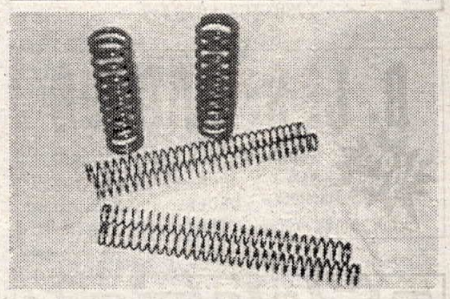

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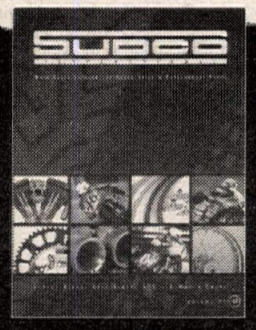

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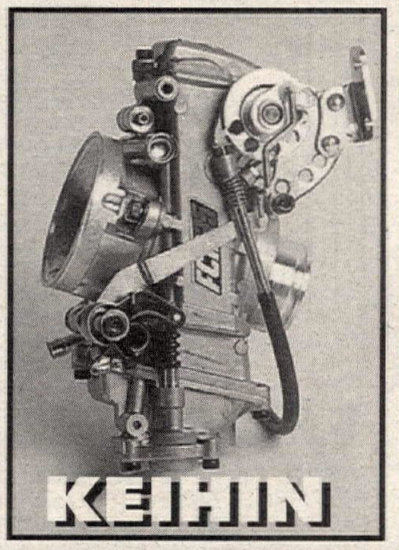

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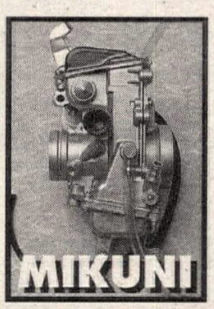

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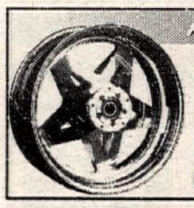

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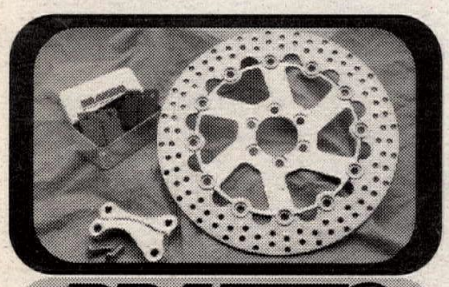
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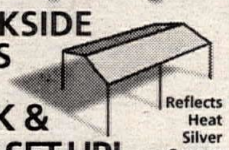
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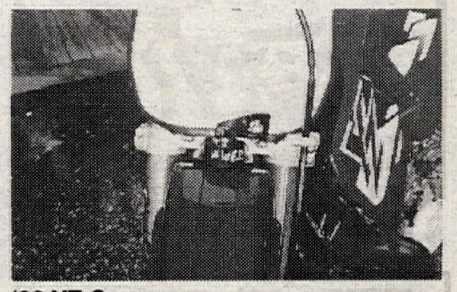
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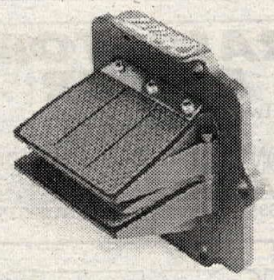
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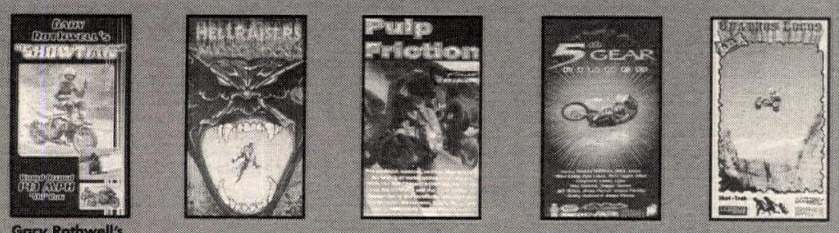

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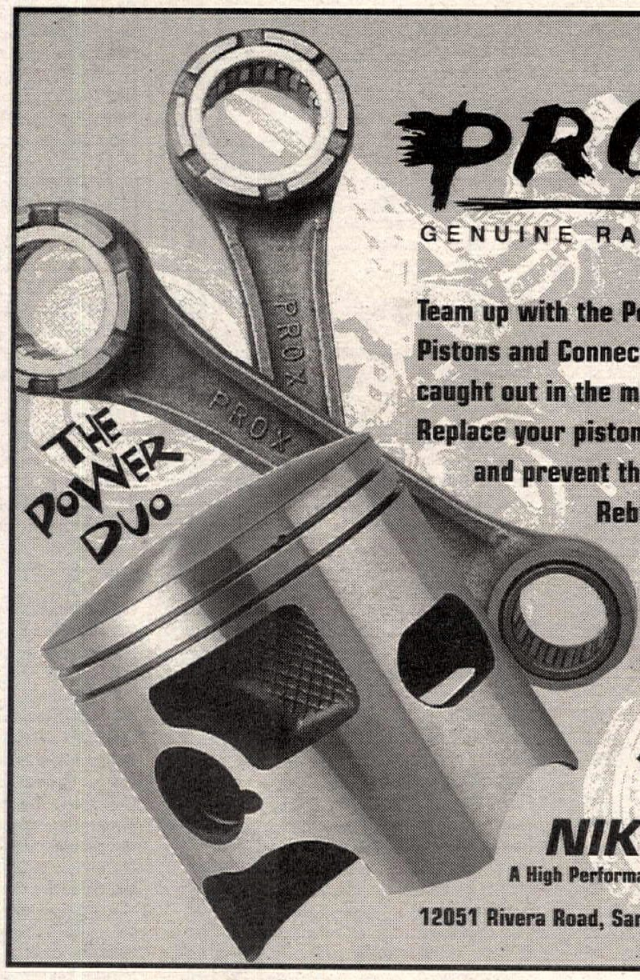

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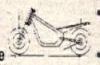

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A VIEW FROM THE FENCE

BY ERIC JOHNSON

As the popularity of the sport of supercross continues to boom - drawing record crowds from one American big-league stick-and-ball venue to the next - and generate impressive national cable-viewer rating numbers, there has been a lot of conjecture and speculation as to where the sport is headed.

Sure, American supercross is currently basking in the glow of prolific media attention and mainstream acceptance; however, and to be a realist, there's still a long way to go if it wants to communicate and convey the slick and polished professionalism - and subsequently enjoy the widespread public-awareness levels - of big-time automobile racing.

To that end, after watching the ESPN-produced "50 Years of NASCAR" recently, I decided to do a little legwork and investigate the events that helped make the Daytona Beach-based sanctioning body's four-wheel endeavor the most popular form of motorsport on the planet. Furthermore, I wanted to see if there was anything our beloved sport of stadium motocross could learn from that sport. From digging through a few magazines (both old and new) and scanning through a couple of VHS video tapes - including the ESPN special - I began to find answers to what helped take NASCAR from basically a southeastern-based, red-clay, fist-swinging good-ol'-boys' club to the well-oiled marketing and promotional motorsports machine that it is today. Eventually, after a little exploration (and overturning a few stones), it became clear that the rough-and-tumble sport reached this lofty pinnacle by equal parts hard work, clairvoyance and - like anything - a little bit of luck.

The National Association of Stock Car Auto Racing came to life through a meeting held at the Ebony Bar in Daytona Beach's Streamline hotel on December 14, 1947. Attended by 35 men who were there to bash out a master plan for the various sanctioning bodies that were scattered haphazzardly across the southeastern United States. In the meeting, Big Bill France, a race promoter himself, was selected to head up the all-inclusive sanctioning body.

During its first decade, NASCAR was primarily a regional, rural sport made up of hard-drinking wild men driving shoddy cars festooned with local gas-station or auto-dealership sponsors' logos. That all changed in the February of 1955, when a man named Carl Kiekhaefer grooved into Daytona Beach, via Wisconsin, with a plan up his clean and pressed white shirt-sleeve. A multimillionaire, Kiekhaefer founded Mercury Outboard Motors, and was in Daytona to launch his new team. Upon arriving in a huge white truck with "Kiekhaefer's Mercury Outboard Motors, The Most Powerful Name In Outboards" painted on the side in huge red letters, the team rolled out a 4005-pound, dazzling-white 1955 Chrysler 300C race car. And as if that wasn't enough, wrenching on it was a crew of trained mechanics bedecked in bright-white overalls. As one could likely imagine, Kiekhaefer's gleaming operation was laughed at by the greasy-handed, skinned-knuckled NASCAR establishment. However, they wouldn't have long to laugh. A total perfectionist, Kiekhaefer claimed that his motivation in becoming a part of the NASCAR circuit was to sell more boat motors by showcasing his race team. The outfit began winning immediately, and by the time the 1955 and 1956 race seasons were complete, owner Kiekhaefer had won two consecutive NASCAR Grand National Championships - and 54 races - for a winning percentage of 60 percent. (By comparison, the modern-day Rick Hendrick team, winners of the last three Winston Cup titles, has a 17.1 percentage!) Beyond all that, Kiekhaefer was the first person in NASCAR to see the value of stock-car racing as a rolling form of advertising for a particular product. During his two years on the circuit, he spent more than $1 million on racing (mind-boggling money at that time), ultimately introducing the concept of team sponsorship through providing his drivers with significant financial and technical support. In American racing, Carl Kiekhaefer was one of the true pioneers of team-race sponsorship.

Another significant development in NASCAR's growth was the introduction of R.J. Reynolds' Winston brand to the sport in 1971. That same year, the government had banned tobacco advertising on national television, and R.J. Reynolds was looking for a way to promote its brands. One thing led to another, and in 1971 it was announced that the NASCAR's Grand National division would become known as the Winston Cup series. The rest is history, and $400 million later the Winston Cup is part of any race fan's vernacular.

However, it wasn't just the sponsorship money that changed the sport of NASCAR racing. "The true change came when R.J. Reynolds came into our sport," said Bruton Smith, founder of Charlotte Motor Speedway and Texas Motor Speedway, during the ESPN "50 years of NASCAR" program. "They knew marketing, and nobody in our sport understood marketing. They threw a lot of money at the sport and helped all the speedways with that. We all learned from them."

In an effort to grow the sport, Winston also took it upon themselves to bring other business presidents and chairmen out to the races and expose them to the sport. Through their hard work, the Winston-induced "introductions" would pay off in droves. And in the eyes of many, one of the most important relationships formed and forged was with the Procter & Gamble people. Long recognized as the world's leading manufacturer and marketer of packaged-goods products that you see in supermarkets (e.g., Crest toothpaste and Tide detergent), P&G's entrance into the sport in the mid-1980s with its Tide brand ushered in a new era of corporate acceptance.

"To me, the Tide car was breakthrough," commented John Cooper, former president of Daytona International Speedway, during the "50 Years of NASCAR" show. "That gave the other interested advertisers the confidence that it was okay to be on the side of a race car, and today, NASCAR looks like a grocery store, with one grocery product after another." As a testament to this thinking, shortly thereafter other major brands such as Miller beer, Coors beer, Wrangler jeans - and a host of others - entered the sport.

Added Dale Earnhardt during the excellent and informative program, "It all starts with bringing a president of another company out to race, entertaining them, and opening their eyes and their doors to racing."

Perhaps the most important element in the growth of NASCAR racing was television. On February 18, 1979, CBS television broadcast the first live, flag-to-flag coverage of a Winston Cup race. The intensely fought race ended in the infield, where, with a steaming heap of crumpled metal serving as a backdrop, Cale Yarborough, Bobby Allison and Donnie Allison threw punches at each other in anger after a last-lap dogfight sent them spinning into each other.

It wasn't pretty, but it was showmanship to the highest degree, and CBS drew a hugely impressive 10.5 A.C. Nielsen rating - which to the network executives (who had always thought of NASCAR as a regional sport) was mind-boggling. Less than two years later, the fledgling ESPN network, new to the American viewing marketplace, began buying up NASCAR races at bargain-basement prices for telecast purposes. It was at that very point that the supply-and-demand fundamental of economics began to surface in the NASCAR broadcast-rights wars. Today, a network can expect to pay upward of $4 million for the rights to broadcast a single race!

So why am I telling you all this? Because we can learn a lot from NASCAR and the ground they have covered in the last 50 years. Intriguingly, there's a pretty strong correlation and parallel between the growth of NASCAR and the young sport of supercross. Supercross has large and shiny factory teams with 18-wheel trucks hauling around exotic race equipment and an army of support personnel. There are big support teams - such as team SplitFire/Pro Circuit/Kawasaki, Honda of Troy, FMF Honda, Factory Connection Honda, and Primal Impulse/Suzuki - whose owners want to tout their products and services through racing. (Remember our friend Mr. Kiekhaefer?) Corporate sponsors such as MCI 1-800-COLLECT, Jack-in-the-Box, Mazda and Toyota have entered the sport, and word has it that many others are now lurking in the wings. And the TV package is comprehensive, well-produced and on the verge of going live. The average ESPN2 Nielsen rating in 1997 was .82, which, when placed against ESPN2's viewing universe of 50 million homes, translates to roughly 355,000 households watching each event (far and away one of E2's most popular broadcast properties). Moreover, on Saturday evening, April 25, the Dallas Supercross will be taped for a one-hour, next-day airing on ABC's "Wide World of Sports." The condensed airing, which will highlight the evening's 125cc and 250cc Main Events, will run in a high-profile, one-hour time slot immediately after the national broadcast network's telecast of the Winston Select 500 NASCAR Winston Cup race from the high-speed, 33-degree banks of Talladega, Alabama.

So, to bring all this to a conclusion, is the PACE Motor Sports promotion group, much like the 35 gentleman in the Daytona cocktail lounge 50 years ago, on the verge of something huge? With a little bit of luck, and with the stars lining up and the wind blowing in the right direction, the answer could very well be "yes." While supercross will likely never be a money-fueled monolith as big and formidable as NASCAR, its potential as a unique and exciting alternative form of motorsport is boundless. And perhaps a decade from now, some guy will be watching an ESPN-created special on the great history of supercross, get excited, and write an article communicating the watershed moments in the sport's history. Wouldn't that be cool?

LOOKING BACK...

30 YEARS AGO...
MAY 2, 1968

In a *Cycle News* exclusive, we reported that legendary promoter **J.C. Agajanian** and **Motorcycle Racers Inc.** had reached a tentative agreement for the 1968 motorcycle-racing season at Ascot Park. During the meeting, some revolutionary changes were decided upon to "increase spectator enjoyment and promote the sport"... **Sonny Burres** (Tri) swatted 'em in the Open class during the Castle Rock TT season opener... The **Campbell Motorcycle Club** staged a hillclimb in Bakersfield. **Manuel Ponti Jr.** scored the 250cc Expert win, with a time of 7.48 seconds... **J.N. Roberts** (Hus) "beat the cars" to take the overall win at the Mint 400 in Las Vegas... *Cycle News* **advertising** was high-impact then as now - J.C. Agajanian advertised a **BCRA Midget car race** at Ascot Park... **Skip Van Leeuwen** (Tri) bagged the win at the Boise TT in Idaho.

20 YEARS AGO...
APRIL 19, 1978

Yamaha teammates **Bob Hannah** and **Broc Glover** were the big victors in the opening round of the AMA/Mr. Pibb 125/250cc National Championship MX Series at Hangtown. Hannah crushed the 250cc class, and Glover tied with **Mark Barnett** on points but took the 125cc win by virtue of a better second-moto finish... **Lane Leavitt** (Bul) and **Marland Whaley** (Hon) were the respective winners of the first two rounds of the AMA/NATC National Trials Championship Series... French designer Andre de Cortanza's **Elf-X** road racer was featured. A refined version of the hub-steering front-end concept would later hit the GP circuit with rider **Ron Haslam** aboard... The American team of **Pat Hennen, Kenny Roberts, Dave Aldana, Skip Aksland, Mike Baldwin, Gene Romero, Dale Singleton** and **Dave Emde** put up a good fight but lost to a British squad of road racing stars during the John Player Transatlantic Trophy Series in England.

10 YEARS AGO...
APRIL 13, 1988

Kevin Schwantz (Suz) took center stage on our cover as he scored a shocker of a victory over defending World Champion **Wayne Gardner** (Hon) in the Japanese Grand Prix at the Suzuka Circuit... We offered you a preview of what was almost certain to be a thriller at the **Laguna Seca** round of the World GP series... **Tony Hendon** (ATK) barely beat **Kurt Hough** (Kaw) in a close one at the combined AMA National Hare Srambles/GNCC, held at the Loretta Lynn's Dude Ranch in Tennessee... We profiled **Randy Mamola** and his Italian-built **Cagiva V588** GP road racer... We tested the 1988 **Suzuki RM125** and noted that it lacked the hit required to make it a top contender in the tiddler class... GP crew chiefs **Jerry Burgess, Kel Carruthers, Erv Kanemoto** and **Mike Sinclair** were profiled in a piece titled "The power brokers." CN

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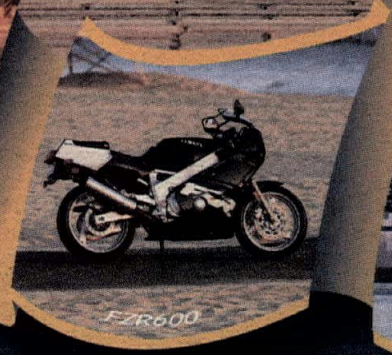

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